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Good times at the Bethel Inn, 1913



The stagecoach pictured here in front of the Bethel Inn, circa 1913, was used for special occasion outings, according to Randy Bennett of the Bethel Historical Society. (Photo courtesy Bethel Historical Society)

Bethel Inn turns 100; plans for second century

The first 65 years

By ALISON ALOISIO

(Note: Information and some quotations for the following account are taken from archives of the Bethel Historical Society and from Donald G. Bennett's Bethel Journals website.)

When the Bethel Inn opened in 1913 the Oxford County Citizen newspaper reported, "There was never anything quite like it in Bethel before."

And that was exactly the intent of Dr. John Gehring and his patients, who included philanthropist William Bingham II of Cleveland.

The inn was built initially to host patients suffering from nervous disorders and exhaustion who had come to Bethel for treatment by Gehring. They were mostly well-to-do, and they and their doctor felt the boarding houses where they had been staying were inadequate.

The inn was born in the ashes of another hotel, the Prospect, which had burned in 1911. The new project was helped by Bethel voters, who approved a tax exemption for the hotel for 10 years.

While there were five investing patient/partners, the inn in effect became a co-partnership of Bingham and one other, William Upson.

In the design of the hotel, "the Inn's front rooms over the lobby were arranged en suite for the comfort of Gehring's patients, while the back rooms were single rooms designed primarily for nurse and attendants."

But the patients also lent a hand - literally - in early construction of the golf course. A few of the holes "had been roughed out by Gehring's patients during their work therapy session west of the doctor's house (off Broad Street)."

When the inn's doors opened on July 12, the Citizen described "throngs of delighted, enthusiastic and expressive guests, (560 in the evening by actual count and over 300 in the afternoon) ... delicious refreshments

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Razor era and the future

By ALISON ALOISIO

In 1979 advertising executive Dick Razor of New York, burned out from that lifestyle, was looking for a business to buy in Northern New England.

"I wanted to own my own business, something that was marketing-driven," he said.

He looked at stores, real estate companies and other possibilities.

But then he began to realize how under-marketed hospitality businesses were, and he began to look more closely at them, starting in Vermont.

His search also took him eastward, to New Hampshire and Maine.

"When I looked at the Bethel Inn, I fell in love with it, and with the town," he said.

In May of 1979, he bought the entire property for \$450,000, and looked forward to a new life in rural Maine.

But Mother Nature quickly gave him a dose of reality.

The summer brought gas rationing, and the winter was one of the greenest in memory. By late January there was some snow, "but only 10 or 20 percent of what we usually got," he remembers.

But a boost came in the form of a brainstorm by Sunday River Ski Resort owner Les Otten, who teamed up with Razor to bring a truckload of manmade snow to the Boston Common, in order to advertise that Bethel had skiing.

"That single event put Sunday River and Bethel on the map in Boston," said Razor.

But his new business still needed other financial support, so he returned for several years to his advertising job. He came back to the inn full-time in 1986. That was when he made what he says was easily the best decision in his years of ownership.

"The expansion," he said, "I said, 'We can't just sit

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Bethel town meeting Jan. 30 on tar sands, Bingham Authority

By ALISON ALOISIO

At the urging of two dozen people who turned out for the Bethel selectmen's meeting Tuesday, the board voted to place a resolution opposing the transport of tar sands oil through Maine on the warrant for a Jan. 30 special town meeting.

Before the action, the only item expected to be on the warrant was the formation of a Bingham Forest Authority to oversee the 2,300-acre Bingham parcel, acquired in 2011 by the town.

The vote by selectmen was 2-1, with Peter Southam and Stan Howe in favor and Don Bennett op-

posed. Selectmen Pat Carter and Lloyd Sweetser were absent.

Bennett said he might ultimately agree with the citizens' position on the tar sands issue. But he worried it was too large and complex a topic to take on at a special meeting on such short notice.

Some environmentally-minded groups believe the Portland-Montreal pipeline, which currently transports oil to Montreal and passes through Bethel and other area towns, could soon have its direction of flow reversed to transport tar sands, or

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Area selectmen gauge impact of state budget plan

By ALISON ALOISIO

Area selectmen last week reacted to Gov. Paul LePage's proposal to suspend municipal revenue sharing for the next two fiscal years in order to help balance the state budget.

The suspension would save the state approximately \$200 million over those years, according to the governor's administration, but towns say it would simply push the burden on to them.

According to the Maine State Treasurer's website, revenue sharing is distributed monthly to a municipality based on a formula "whose variables include municipal populations, state valuations and tax assessments. The monthly revenue sharing pool is funded by setting

aside a percentage of the state government's sales, service provider, personal and corporate income tax receipts for the month."

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said if the measure were to be approved by the Legislature, the town would lose \$41,239 in revenue sharing.

But that wouldn't be all. The governor's budget proposal also calls for cutting town collections of taxes on personal property to 50 percent, with the rest going to the state. That would mean an additional loss of \$2,330 to Greenwood, all due to personal property taxes collected from Mt. Abram, Sparks said.

In addition, excise taxes collected on commercial vehicles would also

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Woodstock eyes trash cost formula

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood is apparently bringing more trash than in the past to the Greenwood-Woodstock Transfer Station, Woodstock Selectman Rick Young said at a selectboard meeting last week.

The towns have shared the transfer station, located in Greenwood, since 1986. Woodstock has paid 60 percent of the annual bill and Greenwood 40 percent, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield, because Woodstock had more people.

But recently, said Young, the trash generated by Greenwood appears to have caught up. "I think we're about 50/50," he said.

He said an increase

could possibly have resulted from more development in recent years in that town.

Maxfield said the G&W board, which oversees the station and is comprised of selectmen from both towns, will likely discuss the possibility of adjusting the cost-sharing formula.

While Greenwood may have had more development over recent years, that does not mean all was quiet this past year on the building front in Woodstock, according to Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman. She told selectmen the Planning Board had issued about 50 building permits in 2012, netting the town about \$3,000 in fees. Although

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POEM FOR A PRESIDENT

Poet Richard Blanco of Bethel Monday delivered his original poem, "One Today," at President Barack Obama's Inaugural ceremony in Washington, D.C. The poem shared images and sounds of life in America - including people going about the business of a day at work and school - and intertwined them with those of Blanco's own family. He concluded with a message of unity. Local social media quickly lit up with comments afterward, including "wonderful," "beautiful," "very proud of him," and other compliments. Blanco's choice as inaugural poet was announced Jan. 9. Born in Spain to Cuban exile parents and raised in Miami, Blanco has lived in Bethel since 2009. Here, President Obama greets him after the reading. For text of the poem, see Page 6. (AP Photo/Win McNamee)

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Letters

NOT US VS. THEM

To the Editor:

First, I want to say that I have many friends and acquaintances throughout the SAD 44 area as do all Andover folks. So the fact that Andover wishes to leave SAD 44 is not an us vs. them effort.

The people of Andover feel that we must keep our school open for the town to be a viable functioning community. It is upsetting to our citizens to be left up in the air year to year not knowing if the school will continue. Therefore the town voted by an overwhelming majority to proceed with preparations to leave the district and form our own school unit. (There will be one more vote.)

Many people have gathered and studied information for the last two years to learn what this entails. The Withdrawal committee has hired two retired school superintendents as consultants and an attorney with a firm well acquainted with school law to work with them. They have also been very fortunate to have two attorneys whom live here part time volunteer many hours to help. In addition there are numerous individuals, from all walks of life, who also have worked many hours in this endeavor.

At this time with much of its homework done, the withdrawal committee feels ready to sit down with the SAD 44 committee to negotiate an agreement. The sooner this is accomplished the better for both sides.

That way SAD 44 and Andover can turn their attention to educating our children, which is what this is all about!

Leon Akers
Andover

TAR SANDS A THREAT HERE

To the Editor:

Our towns of Gilead, Bethel, Newry and Albany are four towns among thousands exposed to a massive network of oil pipelines across America.

Many residents don't realize that we live on a sixty year old oil pipeline extending from Montreal to Portland. They are also unaware of the risk and potential impacts of oil spills into the Androscoggin and Crooked Rivers and tributaries. In fact, the pipeline runs along the Androscoggin for 13 miles, and crosses beneath it twice.

Try to imagine a major oil spill in the Androscoggin similar to the one that devastated 30 miles of the Kalamazoo River two years ago. Imagine the impact on the river, its tributaries and to our farms, fishing, boaters, to people, homes and businesses - in fact, to the fragile economy of our entire region.

New evidence shows that pipeline companies are considering reversing the pipeline flow and pumping a more dangerous "Tar Sands Oil" from Alberta Canada, through Oxford Co. to Portland, Maine. That would seriously increase our exposure to risk of spills.

Tar sands oil is among the dirtiest, most destructive forms of energy on the planet. It is turning a large part of Alberta into a vast wasteland of toxic lakes. It is also destroying First Nations culture and their treaty rights to hunt and fish.

Worse than that, the tar sands deposit in Alberta is the second largest store of carbon on the planet and it's not overstating to say that burning it would mean "game over for the climate," according to leading climate scientists around the world.

Tar sands oil has a terrible safety record with three times as many spills as conventional crude. Unlike regular crude it is toxic, sinks in water and it is virtually impossible to clean up. In fact, Kalamazoo is still not cleaned after more than two years and now ranks as the second most expensive oil spill in U.S. history.

Note that the tar sands oil would not be used here in Maine. It would be shipped from Portland for processing to customers abroad, including China. Why should Maine accept this huge risk with virtually no benefit?

Our towns are small as many along the pipeline are, but we can have great impact for good by saying NO to tar sands oil.

The town of Casco has already voted against it and many towns along the U.S. - Canada pipeline route are preparing to defend themselves against that potentially devastating threat.

Bethel will consider similar action in a Special Town Meeting on Jan. 30.

If you live in or near Bethel, Newry, Gilead, or Albany, are a supporter of clean energy or member of an organization wanting to protect our region from tar sands oil, please join us. For more info, email: kenhotopp@gmail.com.

Betsy Cooper, Bob Iles, Bonnie Pooley, Brendon Bass, Carol Boden, Chandler McGrew, Cathy Heffernan, Jackie Cressey, Jane Chandler, Jean Bass, Jeff Newsom, Jim Chandler, Ken Hotopp, Kirk Siegel, Lida Iles, Marie Keane, Martha Siegel, Robin Gorrell, Saranne Taylor, Seabury Lyon, Sharon Lyon, Steve Wight

ODEON HALL CONCERNS

To the Editor:

It was interesting to read the story in last week's Citizen about the proposed development of Odeon Hall.

The only problem is that this would be in violation of the Town's Site Plan Review, which, because of the development of the meeting room of the town hall several years ago, the town is already in violation of.

In the late 1980's or perhaps early 90's the town voted to impose the Site Plan Review upon its citizens. Subsequently, when the town wanted to convert office space to a public meeting room it was determined this was a change of use and therefore subject to the Site Plan review. Part of this review required the town to provide parking for said use and since the town owns no parking with the town hall, to comply with this requirement it designated the fire station as parking for the town office employees and those using the meeting room. To my knowledge (as a neighbor for 30 years) this has never been enforced.

Obviously any further development of Odeon Hall would require it to once again comply with town ordinances. Before this can even be considered it would make sense that the town live up to it's past obligations of using the fire station for parking.

(P.S. Please do not waste thousands of dollars of taxpayer money for a study.)

Rick Whitney
Bethel

REMEMBERING JOHN GREENLEAF

To the Editor:

For many years, I depended upon John Greenleaf to take care of any electrical challenges and upgrades that needed to be done in connection to the Dr. Moses Mason House and later at my own house on Broad Street.

When the Bethel Historical Society acquired the Robinson House, John was selected to upgrade and replace wiring in that building as well. We were particularly fortunate to have his brother Eldon and John's good friend Blake MacKay (who at that time had just retired as the Chief Electrical Inspector for the State of Maine and volunteered his services) as the crew to install new wiring in the society building. They labored so successfully around all of us who were working in this building at the time that we scarcely noticed their presence and we always had power for a myriad of activities.

When John upgraded the wiring that Blake MacKay had installed in 1951 in my house, he and Eldon indulged me with all kinds of special wiring and convenient outlets throughout the house, shed and barn. It was always good to have John around for his humor (as well as Eldon's) and genuine good-natured personality.

John was a very community-minded individual who helped make Bethel a better place. I am certain he will be greatly missed by his family and those who had the privilege of knowing him as I did.

Stan Howe
Bethel

RESPONSE TO LEN GREANEY

To the Editor:

Drawing parallels between how households managed in the '40s and '50s and today is not so simple. A My parents also managed on a tight budget - but my father had a number of skills that protected him from loss of income during economic downturns, and was able to go to college on the G.I. bill. My mother managed on a tight budget, but in those days a visit to the doctor or even the hospital was not a financial disaster, even without health insurance, and our school systems provided athletics and music at no cost to families.

It is not true that our government always balanced its budgets in the past. The U.S. government ran a deficit from 1940 to 1946 - this spending more than taxes is what enabled us to recover from the depression and to pay for World War 2. When Mr. Greaney's mother purchased War Bonds, she was lending the government money and earning a return on the loan, just as today investors, including anyone from individuals to foreign corporations, lend money to the government. The U.S. also ran deficits during much of the early '50s. In other years we ran surpluses which helped to compensate for the years of deficits. Those deficits contributed to significant national economic growth, which also contributed to paying for past deficits. The very large spending on the Iraq war and slow economic growth has greatly complicated this picture.

Lee Smith
Albany Township

Celladore

'What do you do for fun?'

"You do so much hard work all the time," some said. "What do you do for fun?" This was a puzzling question until we remembered that some people's lives were divided into compartments; they did not really enjoy their working hours and thought of them as a means for acquiring money, money that after providing for the necessities of life, would buy recreation, pleasure, fun. Here we had devised a way of living in which almost all of the work that we did was also enjoyment. The problems with the water and plumbing were really the only activities that we thought of as onerous. Once in a while we felt the question was really a start of discussing a philosophy of life and we were happy to explain our views. Most of the time we felt it was just another query, that no one really wanted a detailed answer. To these, B.B. usually said, "Play with my horses."

Kristie was our first horse, our first love. In the summer for the haying, we needed a mate for her. Old Krinkley came first. After him a motley collection came and went; we liked them all. Bones was a good and honest beast. He helped plow all the far forty, but he was hungry, hungry, hungry. He went home, not fat, but looking less like a scarecrow. Another was a walleyed pinto called Tige. From him I learned what a cribber was. Then B.B. found a chunky little white mare, shy and nervous. He bought her, called her Sudi and spent much time with her. After a year she came to trust humans and was friendly. She developed a brain tumor. To watch an animal that you love slowly go "insane" is tragic; we had to put her down. Then came Harry H. offering us his "Old Chub."

Harry was a crony of Howard's (B.B.'s father), very active though past seventy. He loved horses, always had eight or ten about his place and still went into the woods and logged with them. Old Chub was his pet of eighteen years, an old pensioner who only needed a little exercise. We were amazed that he would part with him, but Howard scornfully reminded us that we were not too bright. "That horse is old and ready to die," he said. "Harry knows that you will treat him well and he doesn't want to see him die at home." Whether or not B.B. believed this, I did not know, but we had lost Sudi and needed to finish the haying so Old Chub came.

He was an enormous chestnut with a striped face, gentle as an old dog, but definitely aware that he was a favored person. Kristie felt that she was the queen here and intended to maintain her position. When we went out to the barn to feed, Kristie stomped her front feet and called loudly, not in her usual soft whinny. Old Chub lifted his good front leg and pounded against the manger to remind us that he was the one who always was fed first. After a week or two he gave up, either deferring to the lady, or knowing that here too food came promptly and amply. In the pasture he tried to frolic about a bit and made a feeble attempt to roll over. He was clumsy and ludicrous and I knew just how I would look should I try ballet dancing. He and Kristie worked well together, the haying was finished, but Harry did not come for him. He enjoyed the pasture in the daytime and we took him up every night, to be sure he would be comfortable. Winter came early and we went to the barn one morning and found him down.

He made a small effort to get up but couldn't and lay back calmly. B.B. tried to help him but knew it was useless, so he went off to find Harry and ask him his wishes. Till ten a.m. I went about my affairs expecting the men at any minute. They did not come. After that I spent my time looking down the road for the truck, then going to the barn to cheer Old Chub. It was sad to see such a great beast down and helpless. I brushed his back and scratched his neck under his heavy mane and fed him bits of apple which he seemed to enjoy. Since he ate, I knew he was in no pain. B.B. did not get back till one p.m. He had to wait a long time as Harry was deep in the woods on snowshoes cruising a possible logging job. He wanted us to have the veterinarian come and later tend to the burial. Getting the veterinarian was easy. Soon Old Chub went to the happy hunting ground; he had had a cerebral hemorrhage. The burial proved more difficult. We phoned and phoned, but men with tractors were all busy. Next morning a marvelous man came.

He had only one arm but he had loaded his tractor on a truck, drove here and unloaded it alone. B.B. helped him get Old Chub out of the barn and went over later with hot coffee to the far forty where he was digging the grave on a mossy slope under some pine trees. By noon Old Chub was safely covered. Kristie called a few times for her chum but did not really miss him; she liked queening it alone. B.B. was interested in the terrain. Here had been a man, with a powerful machine, digging; not one large rock cropped up. When we plowed, it seemed every two feet a boulder interfered that had to be pried out of the soil with a crowbar and much toll.

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Two sleigh loads of people braved subzero temperatures for a "Dinner Ride" through the woods at Sunday River Stables.

Members of the Senior College traveled to Portland to visit the Portland Museum of Art.

Deaths: Leo Lambert, Warren Gammon, Keith B. McLeod, Earlon H. Mayberry, Martha J. Mayberry, Marlon Parker, Jr., Garey Parker York.

20 years ago: A 10th Special Forces unit from Fort Devens, Mass., was conducting exercises at Bog Brook, and made several jumps from a helicopter in Bethel.

Firefighters from Woodstock and Greenwood responded to a blaze that gutted the workshop of Percy McInnis on Route 232.

Births: Taylor Morgan Black, Andrew James Sprague.

Deaths: Clayton E. Kendall, Patricia F. Pitcher, Wilfred Walter Lord.

30 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cross were guests of honor at a 45th wedding anniversary party at the Locke Mills Union Church.

A public installation of officers took place at the Oxford Bear Lodge Knights of Pythias in Hanover.

Birth: Will Arnol Seames.

Deaths: Mrs. Elsie H. Inman, Mrs. Sara (Sadie) Brooks, Leon V. Ferrand.

40 years ago: The former Laundromat building on Main Street was being razed. Over the years, it had housed several hardware businesses, the post office, the mica shop and apartments.

Roger Mills Sr. of Andover retired after 38 years as a Star Route mail carrier.

Birth: Jason Edward Sylvester.

Death: Dr. Roswell E. Hubbard, Leslie D. Bryant, Mrs. Georgia D. Pratt.

50 years ago: An early morning fire destroyed an Andover landmark, the 21-room Milton House on Newton Street, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Serafin.

Sunri Ski Shop at Sunday River Skiway was open daily offering accessories, rentals and repairs.

Death: Mrs. Alfred Adams.

60 years ago: Second lieutenant Donald E Brooks was attending a three-week course in chemical, biological and radiological warfare at Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Charles Eypper held a musicale at her home with her junior piano pupils participating.

Birth: Robert Charles Tift, Jr.

Death: Warren A. Emery.

70 years ago: A short course in home nursing was being conducted in Hanover. It was under the supervision of the Extension Service.

Clyde Stevens and family moved into their new place, following a fire which destroyed their home.

Gould Academy cancelled its entire schedule of varsity basketball games and winter sports meets.

80 years ago: Flu was prevalent and some schools were closed for a while.

It was reported the new Forest Camp Site in Gilead would be opened in the summer of 1933.

Deaths: Robert F. Rich, Mrs. Viola Child, Herbert Knox, Mrs. Alforetta Abbott.

100 years ago: Ice harvesters were busy on Son-go Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen came to Bethel to make their home.

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Bethel Inn

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were served continuously during afternoon and evening in the private dining room, where Mrs. Clancy and her assistants were tireless in the attentions. Indeed everybody in the whole house, and everything was devoted to the happiness of the guests. The music of the McGee Orchestra of Berlin, N.H., stationed in the music room added very much to the enjoyment and spirit of the day.

"The inn's interior follows the Colonial (revival) architecture of the outside. As one enters the attractive lobby one finds one's self facing a wonderful vista of green trees and hills framed in the broad windows and doors of the western wall. The lobby is in rich brown coloring, the paper blending perfectly with the tone of the beautiful cypress finish."

Over the next few years

the inn partners bought nearby homes and lots, including several to be used as guest "cottages." Also added was land on Songo Pond, where a lake house was built.

Work continued on the golf course, and in summer 1915, "The golf links are improving daily and the recent heavy rains has put the putting green in excellent condition. Water pipes are being laid to all the greens so that from now on they will continually be in the best of shape."

The inn began drawing guests beyond just the patients of Dr. Gehring, some traveling by train and others by car.

Accounts from the early days also described their comings and goings: "Dr. and Mrs. Merrill-Gates of Washington arrived on the 16th for dinner and were so well pleased with

The Inn and its environments remained until the 19th and reluctantly left for the White Mountains, and their daughter and friend arrive on the 20th to remain several days and later will follow her father."

It was also common for guests to stay for the entire summer season.

The inn stayed open all winter as well and offered an ice skating rink, trails for skiing and snowshoeing, and a one-third-mile-long toboggan run with an elevated take-off ramp.

Through the 1930s there were few paying winter guests, but the inn was kept fully staffed despite losing about \$100,000 a year.

There were also some economic dampers at work during the early 20th century that affected how the wealthy spent their leisure time and money,

according to Randy Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society. They were, he said, "the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, which made the income tax a permanent fixture in the U.S. tax system in 1913, and the 1929 stock market crash."

But Bingham the philanthropist continued to help fund the inn's operation. In the late 1920s, he bought out Upson to become the sole owner, according to Stan Howe, BHS executive director emeritus.

From 1940 to 1961, the inn closed during the winter, but according to written accounts Bingham "only approved this change in policy as long as all employees were to be paid a full year's salary unless they got other jobs. Closing in the winter cut the inn's annual deficit down to about \$45,000."

Bingham was known for

his generosity toward his employees. In fact, when he died in 1955, he left each employee \$100 for each year they had been employed.

Howe said the inn "was one of the favorite things Bingham ever did. He was very proud of the inn, and very particular about it. He was very concerned toward the end of his life what would happen to it."

Bingham's sister, Frances Payne Bolton, told him she would see that it was sold to someone who would have the same standards as he or she would buy and operate it herself, Howe said.

After Bingham's death a career hotel operator, Guy Butler, bought the inn. The three cottages, known as The Harriette, The Park, and The Straw House, were renamed The Oaks, The Pines and The Elms, respectively. (The

Elms is today the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House.)

With the establishment of Sunday River Ski area in 1961 and a contract to house engineers and crews building the Telstar satellite station in Andover, Butler decided to stay open for the winter and try to attract skiers.

But the inn made only \$6,000 - the amount spent on advertising - so winter operations were again shelved.

In 1966 the inn was sold back to Bingham trustees and operated as the Bethel Holding Company. The golf course was lengthened to regulation size, thanks to the purchase of more land.

But in 1979, with a further decline in business, the bank holding the mortgage was ready to sell off the 100-acre property piece by piece.

Razor years

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here with 60 guest rooms and a nine-hole golf course."

So he went to the bank to borrow the money to build 40 new condominiums and - at the same time - borrow against those profits to expand the golf course to 18 holes.

The bank balked.

But, said Razor, when he presented 40 signed contracts for the condos, along with a 10 percent down payment on each, he got his money.

Doing both expansions concurrently, he said, was important in order to have the course ready when the new condo owners moved in.

Another part of the package was a recreational center that included a heated, outdoor swimming pool.

"I give Les Otten credit for that," said Razor. "He did it first at Sunday River, and I wouldn't have had the courage if I hadn't followed his lead."

Among events hosted over the years, Razor counts the annual Jeep Jamboree and the Fall Festival Pro-Am Golf Tournament as some of his favorites.

He's also proud of an inn statistic showing that resort guests spend a total of 51,700 overnight stays in Bethel a year, benefiting both the inn and other businesses, he said.

Also important to him, he said, is the "loyalty and professionalism of key long term employees in the success of the resort. Just as critical has been the ability of these fine folks to transition from hourly employees to supervisory and management levels."

As examples he cites Managing Partner Allen Connors, who first worked at the inn as a teenager in 1981; Executive Chef Robert Bates, who started as a line cook in 1988; and three who started as waitresses: Dining Room Manager Mitzi Naples (1998), Head of Group Sales Diana Polli (1992) and Wedding Coordinator Mary Brown (1981).

Like other businesses, the inn has had to adjust to change brought on by computer technology and communication. Online information has greatly changed reservations bookings. Today, said Razor, people will wait until the last minute to book in order to first check the weather and search for online deals.

"It used to be that we would know by May 15 what 80 percent of our bookings were through the fall," he said. "Now we only know about 20 percent."

Asked if he had any regrets over more than three decades at the inn, Razor

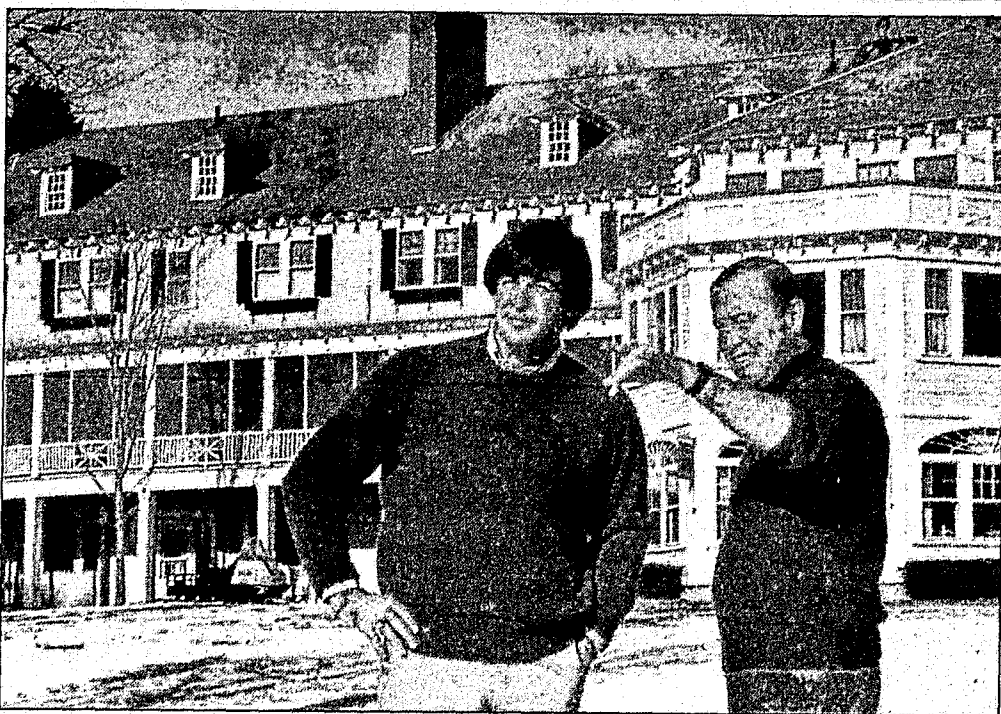
said only that he wished he had not needed to do business with seven different banks, "four of which are now out of business. The banking situation has always been difficult," he said, and the recent recession took a toll.

But, said Razor, at the end of 2012 the inn settled on a new 20-year financial package that he hopes will get it off to a good start in its second century.

Immediate plans call for improvements or upgrades to the furnishings and bathrooms in 25 of the older rooms, "bringing them up to today's standards," he said. The work will be done mostly this spring, ready in time for the summer.

Down the road, said Razor, there are plans for other facilities improvements as well as new condominium development.

This summer will bring an official centennial celebration, likely taking place around the time of the annual Bethel Art Fair in July. The timing will nearly coincide with the actual 100th anniversary of the 1913 opening on July



Dick Razor (right) and inn manager Jim Deibel standing behind the inn in 1980.

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12. "We're planning a dinner gala," said Razor.

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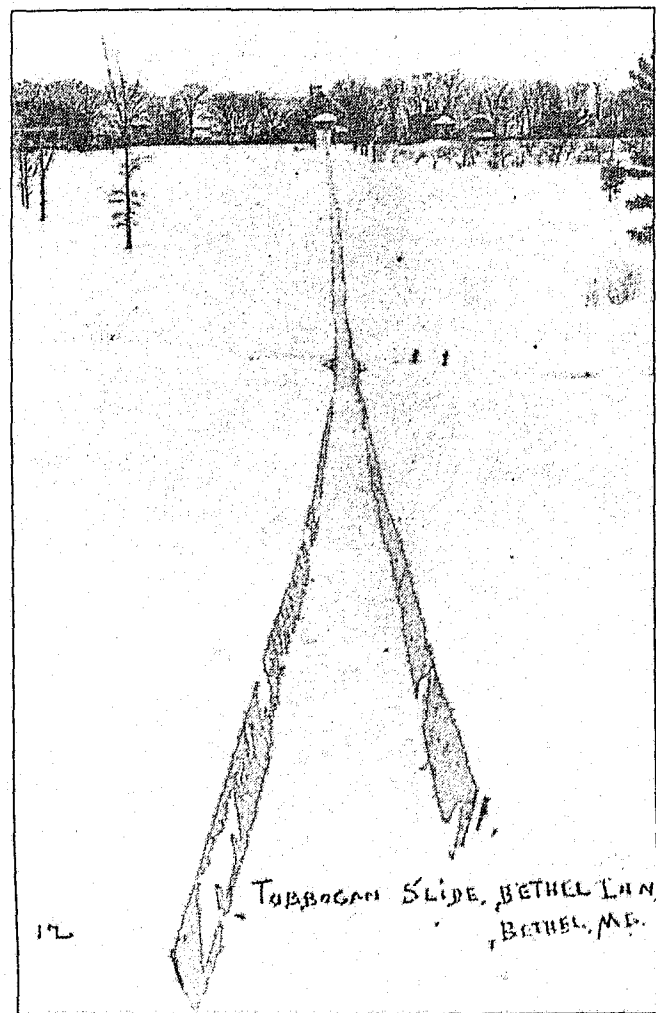
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Early days of the Bethel Inn



Top: The Bethel Inn under construction in 1912. Bottom right: tobogganers slide down the ramp at the start of the run. Bottom left, looking up the toboggan slide from the bottom of Mill Hill. (Photos courtesy Bethel Historical Society)



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

President Obama and his family are now settling down for another four years in the White House. I can only imagine how much more gray the President will be at the end of this term. What a stressful job!

It's a job I can't imagine anyone wanting to do. It's not an easy job and there is no way the President can please everyone. As President Lincoln said, "You can please some of the people some of the time and you can please part of the people part of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." Something like that.

But, I guess it's a job that has its perks because there never seems to be a shortage of people willing to do whatever they can to get the job.

One of the perks is getting a really nice home. The First Family is only going to live in it for another four years and then they have to move. I hate moving, so that is not something that would appeal to me.

But, oh my, what a home it is no matter how long they get to live in it. Can you imagine living in the White House? Laura Bush had told Michelle Obama that it's like living in a museum when she was preparing to move in. And a museum is exactly what it is. One of great historical significance and owned by the people of the United States of America. The First Family can only live in it; they can't claim it as their own.

My house is certainly

not a museum. It's more like an archeological dig. I spend a lot of time digging for items I have misplaced and I'm always surprised by some of the family artifacts that I find. I've even found petrified candy bars buried under the sofa cushions, but they ended up in the trash rather than a museum. When all of my family is at my house it is more like a zoo. If there was ever a need for a zoo for dust bunnies my house would certainly qualify.

Life in the White House

As beautiful as it is I don't think I would want to live in the White House. Oh, I'd certainly like having some of the staff that does all the cleaning, cooking and laundry, but privacy is definitely an issue.

It's not the kind of house where one can feel comfortable going to the kitchen in the middle of the night in their underwear to raid the refrigerator. The President is not too likely to stand around in his boxer shorts scratching his behind while pouring his first cup of coffee of the day without someone noticing.

I know that Mrs. Obama will be very busy and it's nice that she won't have to worry about household chores, but what if she likes doing household chores? What if she would prefer to do

all of the family laundry by herself? They probably frown on that sort of thing in the White House.

I actually feel a bit sorry for the Obama children. These two little girls have certainly experienced a tremendous lifestyle change. Just having Secret Service people hovering around would cramp any lifestyle. At least in the movies the Secret Service people don't look like they would sit down and play Yatzee with the kids or help dress up their Barbie dolls and I imagine that they are somewhat like that in real life.

On the other hand, the White House has to be one heck of a place to play hide and seek. Can you imagine what it would be like if someone doing a White House tour came upon a little girl hiding in the closet of the Lincoln bedroom? That would probably get a scream out of both the little girl and the startled tourist. That in turn would bring the Secret Service running and just possibly Homeland Security, the FBI and the CIA.

With the two girls spending at least another four years in the White House I think there just might be a few amusing moments.

I personally would not want to live in such a grand and public estate. However, the way I see it I sure wouldn't mind having someone else doing all my cooking and cleaning. That would definitely make me feel like a First Lady.

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TOWN OF BETHEL OPPOSITION TO TAR SANDS RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF LOCAL CITIZENS, WATERBODIES, OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES, AND OUR GLOBAL CLIMATE IN RELATION TO THE POSSIBLE TRANSPORT OF TAR SANDS OIL THROUGH BETHEL, MAINE

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel has previously supported local, state, and federal actions to safeguard human health, ensure the safety of citizens, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel benefits immensely from the pristine lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds that define our region and that have for generations provided recreation for residents and tourists alike, and which enhance property values and generate substantial economic activity that sustains businesses and jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel recognizes that surface waters are among its important natural resources that are an integral part of the town's economic, social, and cultural well-being, and should be husbanded and treated with diligence and respect, in its Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the oil industry appears to plan to use an aging oil pipeline, built in 1950, to bring Canadian tar sands diluted bitumen through western Maine including the towns of Bethel, Gilead, and Albany, even though the pipeline passes along and crosses under the Androscoggin River, Pleasant River, Crooked River, and associated smaller streams and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2010 pipelines already carrying tar sands oil in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan spilled almost three times more oil per mile of pipeline compared with the U.S. national average; and

WHEREAS, tar sands spills pose a human health hazard, and are more dangerous and more difficult to clean up than conventional oil spills; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 a pipeline spilled more than a million gallons of diluted tar sands down a 30-mile stretch of the Kalamazoo River in Michigan, creating a public safety, health, and environmental disaster with long-lasting impacts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is highly dependent on oil, and reducing the state's oil dependence through the use of cleaner energy sources produced locally, rather than being a new conduit for tar sands, will improve the state's economy and environment; and

WHEREAS mining and processing of tar sands in the Canadian boreal forest requires a vast and destructive industrial operation, emits three to five times more carbon pollution per barrel than the production of a barrel of conventional U.S. crude oil, and causes many other environmental problems; and

WHEREAS climate-changing pollution from fossil fuels, especially unconventional fuels such as tar sands oil, will have severe economic and environmental impacts on US communities, industries, agriculture, fisheries, and forests; and

WHEREAS Alberta, Canada's tar sands contain twice the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by global oil use in our entire history; and

WHEREAS the extraction of Alberta tar sands has devastating effects upon Canadian First Nation communities and their hunting and fishing rights; and

WHEREAS, the transport of tar sands oil to and through Oxford and Cumberland Counties in the State of Maine could pose unreasonable risks to the health, safety, natural resources, property and/or economic welfare of persons living in the Town of Bethel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that through the adoption of this resolution, the Town of Bethel expresses its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Maine, because of its deep concern about the risks that such transport may create in relation to public health and safety, property values, and the clean natural resources upon which the local community depends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel calls upon the Maine State Legislature and the United States Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of tar sands diluted bitumen pipeline proposals, including a complete evaluation of the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel supports the creation of clear Federal and State guidelines for tracking the origins and chemical composition of various types of fuel so that local governments, citizens, and first responders can better know of, and plan for, the risks associated with the specific type of fuel flowing through or to their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel encourages the State of Maine and other states in the Northeast to support policies, including a regional Clean Fuels Standard, that help shift oil use away from high impact fuels such as those from tar sands and toward cleaner energy options available in Maine and the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel will transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, U.S. Secretary of Energy, U.S. Secretary of Interior, Chair of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Maine State Congressional delegation, Governors of Delaware, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, CEO of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, CEO of Montreal Pipe Line Limited, CEO of Imperial Oil Incorporated, CEO of Exxon Mobil, CEO of Enbridge Inc., Prime Minister of Canada, and the Provincial Premiers of Canada.

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bitumen, oil from the oil fields of Alberta, Canada to Montreal and then on to Portland, to be shipped around the world.

Brendon Bass read a statement outlining the group's concerns about the safety of such a proposition, including the age of the pipeline (60 years), and what they say is the composition and method of transport of the oil (more abrasive, hotter, containing solvents and under greater pressure than regular crude oil).

They worry that the combination increases the likelihood of a break in the pipeline and a spill that could damage the environment, including the Androscoggin River, and hurt the local economy.

Oil and pipeline companies that would be involved in reversing the flow have denied such a plan.

The Bethel group presented a proposed resolution (at left) to selectmen.

Town Manager Jim Doar asked the group, "Why is it pressing? Why can't it wait until the annual town meeting?"

Ken Hotopp replied, "Things are moving very quickly. There's a lot of uncertainty with what will happen with our pipeline, and with tar sands in general. It's a good reason to have our say, and to have it soon. Pipelines are being reversed now in Canada."

He said the town of Casco has already voted in favor of a resolution, and Waterford will vote in March.

"If we wait til June, it may be that things have been decided for us. We don't know that there's a deadline, we just know that sooner is much better than later."

He said Bethel's views could be important to the stand Rep. Mike Michaud might take on the issue.

Betsy Cooper said that 30 years ago she bought property in West Bethel, through which the pipeline runs. She said she expected then the pipeline would become obsolete, with oil being replaced by cleaner fuels. Now, she said, not only does oil continue to flow but the threat

to the environment could increase.

Bennett expressed sympathy with the group's views, but said he thought there should be more opportunity first for general discussion in the community. "I don't know the other side," he said. "To have this all happen in a matter of eight days, and add this on, seems to me to be a bit quick."

Southam spoke in favor of the resolution. "I see no benefit to allowing tar sands going through the pipeline. I see a whole lot of potentially catastrophic results," he said.

Howe said he was concerned about only three selectmen making the decision regarding the warrant article, but he eventually voted in favor of consideration next week.

(For more on tar sands, see Letter, Page 2.)

As for the other article,

selectmen propose that the town's administrative ordinance be amended to add a Bingham Forest Authority, which would determine minimum standards for the management of the forest and develop plans for recreational amenities, subject to approval of selectmen. The town manager would implement the standards and plans.

The board would have five members, one of whom would be a member of the Bethel Water District Board of Trustees. The remaining four would be appointed by selectmen for three-year terms, and they would be registered voters of Bethel or Newry (no more than one member from Newry, where the forest is located).

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Crescent Park Elementary School.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, Jan. 16

At 8:59 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to a single vehicle rollover on the Walkers Mills Road. There were no injuries.

Thursday, Jan. 17

At 9:20 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Park Street for a report of a private plow truck driving to endanger after plowing a driveway. The truck was reported to have been driving the wrong way on the one-way road.

At 6 p.m. a Bethel resident reported a theft. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned. The subject requested the incident be recorded. There is no ongoing investigation.

Friday, Jan. 18

At 10:04 a.m. a report was received of a theft on the Sunday River Road. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Saturday, Jan. 19

At 7:13 p.m. Deputy Nate Bowie and Sgt. Matt Baker responded to Vernon Street for a rollover. The subject had lost control due to icy conditions. The driver had minor injuries.

At 10:47 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Route 5 in Bethel for a report of two subjects obstructing a public way. There was no contact.

Sunday, Jan. 20

At 11:44 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman received a call regarding possible identity theft on Mason Street. The investigation is ongoing.

Oxford County Jail Log:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 21, 11:36 p.m.: Matthew R. Duckett, 21, of Mexico, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Peter Casey on the Sunday River Road in Newry.

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is holding a public informational meeting to discuss the use of rotenone to eradicate introduced fish from Broken Bridge Pond, Crocker Pond, and Round Pond (Albany). The public is invited to attend a brief presentation, ask questions, and provide comments on planned brook trout enhancement efforts.

The meeting will be held on **February 6th** (7th is the snow date - call to confirm) at **6:30 PM** at the Evans Notch Visitor Center on Route 2 in Bethel (18 Mayville Road). Any questions may be directed to Francis Brautigam at 657-2345, ext 112.

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Impact

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go to the state, an impact of about \$7,500 for Greenwood, she said.

Those changes would result in a total revenue loss of \$51,069, said Sparks.

"If everything else stayed the same, we'd increase our mil rate (11.65) by .51 mils. But there's a big piece we don't have information on yet, and that's how it's going to affect school funding."

Greenwood's total tax commitment this year was approximately \$1.85 million.

Another part of the LePage proposal would affect homeowners directly—the Homestead exemption. Many homeowners who live primarily in their residence can deduct \$10,000 from their valuation before their property taxes are calculated. The budget proposal would eliminate that exemption for people under 65. For those over that age, the exemption would not only remain in place, but double to \$20,000.

Sparks said 154 Greenwood residents would lose the exemption, increasing their tax bills by \$116 for that alone.

Another provision in the budget proposal would affect state aid to general assistance. Currently, said Sparks, many towns get a 50 percent reimbursement of the GA costs. But the state is proposing that

when state funds run out, the towns won't be reimbursed. And, she said, "If the state runs out of money, the town does not have to give General Assistance at that point."

Selectman Amy Chapman offered her perspective on the budget proposal.

"It just seems like they're trying to make up for the tax breaks that they gave to the wealthiest people by balancing it on the backs of the people who can least afford it, and by putting everything back on the towns, so it's all going to end up being property taxes, which is the least fair tax."

The proposal will next go to the Democrat-controlled state Legislature.

"Hang on, it's going to be a bumpy ride," said Sparks.

In Bethel, the state budget proposal prompted Town Manager Jim Doar to change the wording of a letter he had earlier drafted to area state legislators.

State Sen. John Patrick and Rep. Jarrod Crockett had asked Bethel for input on upcoming state issues.

Doar had readied a letter for the selectmen's consideration at their meeting last week. The letter included the request, "Stopping the legislative raids on municipal revenue sharing."

Doar told the board, "I

don't know that 'stopping the raids on municipal revenue works when he's proposing taking all of it.' Had the proposal, together with the governor's other proposals, gone into effect this year, 'Our tax rate would have been .75 mil higher. It's a substantial impact to us,' Doar said. The current mil rate is 11.6.

The amount of state revenue sharing for FY'13 amount for Bethel was about \$116,000, he said. The town's tax commitment was \$4.8 million.

Board chair Stan Howe said, "I'm really worried about the loss of revenue sharing, plus not funding education as they should. Everything is coming back on the property tax payer."

In Woodstock, Town Manager Vern Maxfield told selectmen at their meeting last week that suspending revenue sharing "would look like a 4 percent increase in our budget," and a .47 increase in the mil rate (currently 11.45).

Revenue sharing for Woodstock this year was about \$58,000, Maxfield said, and the tax commitment was about \$2 million.

Resident Hank Forman, who attended the board meeting, said Woodstock will have to look at how to cut its budget more.

"It's tough, it's hard, but

the governor is having to make some hard decisions, so we need to start looking at hard things, too," he said.

Selectman Ron Deegan said much of the Woodstock budget includes items that are not controllable, such as electricity, fuel, insurance and labor costs.

Selectmen Rick Young agreed. "You're not going to squeeze much more unless you start laying people off," he said.

Other towns

Approximate FY'13 revenue sharing figures for other area towns (taken from the state treasurer's website) are as follows (including the 2010 tax commitment):

Andover: \$27,157 (\$872,595 tax commitment)
Gilead: \$16,750 (\$451,804)
Hanover: \$7,580 (\$329,000)

Newry: \$9,879 (\$3,441,403)
Upton: \$2,583 (\$144,842)

Andover selectboard Chair Susan Merrow said her town's revenue sharing "would be dropping this year with or without the governor's proposal. We were told that towns that spend more, get more. Andover citizens tend to keep budgets tight and debt low, so we get less revenue sharing than other communities. The total drop from last year to this year is probably around \$40,000."

One Today

By Richard Blanco

One sun rose on us today, kindled over our shores, peeking over the Smokies, greeting the faces of the Great Lakes, spreading a simple truth across the Great Plains, then charging across the Rockies. One light, waking up rooftops, under each one, a story told by our silent gestures moving behind windows.

My face, your face, millions of faces in morning's mirrors, each one yawning to life, crescendoing into our day: pencil-yellow school buses, the rhythm of traffic lights, fruit stands: apples, limes, and oranges arrayed like rainbows begging our praise. Silver trucks heavy with oil or paper—bricks or milk, teeming over highways alongside us, on our way to clean tables, read ledgers, or save lives—to teach geometry, or ring-up groceries as my mother did for twenty years, so I could write this poem.

All of us as vital as the one light we move through, the same light on blackboards with lessons for the day: equations to solve, history to question, or atoms imagined, the "I have a dream" we keep dreaming, or the impossible vocabulary of sorrow that won't explain the empty desks of twenty children marked absent today, and forever. Many prayers, but one light breathing color into stained glass windows, life into the faces of bronze statues, warmth onto the steps of our museums and park benches as mothers watch children slide into the day.

One ground. Our ground, rooting us to every stalk of corn, every head of wheat sown by sweat and hands, hands gleaming coal or planting windmills in deserts and hilltops that keep us warm, hands digging trenches, routing pipes and cables, hands as worn as my father's cutting sugarcane so my brother and I could have books and shoes.

The dust of farms and deserts, cities and plains mingled by one wind—our breath. Breathe. Hear it through the day's gorgeous din of honking cabs, buses launching down avenues, the symphony of footsteps, guitars, and screeching subways, the unexpected song bird on your clothes line.

Hear: squeaky playground swings, trains whistling, or whispers across café tables. Hear: the doors we open for each other all day, saying: hello, shalom, buon giorno, howdy, namaste, or buenos días in the language my mother taught me—in every language spoken into one wind carrying our lives without prejudice, as these words break from my lips.

One sky: since the Appalachians and Sierras claimed their majesty, and the Mississippi and Colorado worked their way to the sea. Thank the work of our hands: weaving steel into bridges, finishing one more report for the boss on time, stitching another wound or uniform, the first brush stroke on a portrait, or the last floor on the Freedom Tower jutting into a sky that yields to our resilience.

One sky, toward which we sometimes lift our eyes tired from work: some days guessing at the weather of our lives, some days giving thanks for a love that loves you back, sometimes praising a mother who knew how to give, or forgiving a father who couldn't give what you wanted.

We head home: through the gloss of rain or weight of snow, or the plum blush of dusk, but always—home, always under one sky, our sky. And always one moon like a silent drum tapping on every rooftop and every window, of one country—all of us—facing the stars hope—a new constellation waiting for us to map it, waiting for us to name it—together.

(Read by Richard Blanco at President Barack Obama's inaugural ceremony, Jan. 21, 2013. Text provided by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.)

Woodstock

Continued from page 1

there were only a couple of new homes, "there's plenty of activity, keeping local contractors busy," she said.

A business building permit has also been issued for the Crazy Sisters Redemption center, to be located next to the Post Office in a building that had previously served the same purpose. It is expected to open in March.

Corey-Whitman also up-

dated the board on her efforts regarding several properties that have been out of compliance with the town's property maintenance ordinance. In addition, she reported that North Pond property owner Ken Roberts had paid a \$1,875 fine for illegally cutting trees too close to the pond. He has also been directed to plant new trees.

In other business, Town Manager Vern Maxfield

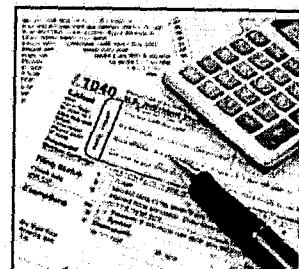
said the town attorney has reviewed a proposed wind ordinance crafted by a special town committee, and the committee is now updating it based on his recommendations. A final version is expected for early February, and a public hearing will likely take place later in the month. The ordinance will be voted upon at the annual town meeting in March.

Selectmen also voted to pay time-and-a-half to firefighters who man the stations on holidays. They are generally on call for those days. But, said Young, "My feeling is that if the fire department is manning on a holiday, they should be paid

time and a half. We're only looking at five or six holidays out of the year. We do appreciate the work they do and what they're bringing to the community."

The board also approved interfaith minister Sarah Shepley of South Paris to deliver a prayer at the annual town meeting. The board decided last year to use different clergy each year, after receiving complaints that Christian prayers delivered in past years may have made people of different religious beliefs feel uncomfortable.

Young reported that the transfer station has received delivery of a used bucketloader purchased from Cumberland for \$29,500.



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Briefly

BETHEL-SAD 44 School Board Chair Lainey Cross has appointed school board members to serve on the district's committee to oversee negotiations with the Andover Withdrawal Committee, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. Members include Marcel Polak, Dick Melville, Stacey Sandvoss, Timothy Carter and Roberta Taylor. Cross will also serve on the committee. The district's legal counsel was expected to meet with the committee in executive session yesterday (Wednesday) to discuss the district's legal rights and duties regarding the withdrawal agreement. Following that meeting, the district's counsel will deliver a proposed draft withdrawal agreement back to Andover's counsel.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Remember to wear red next Friday, Feb. 1. It is the 10th Annual National

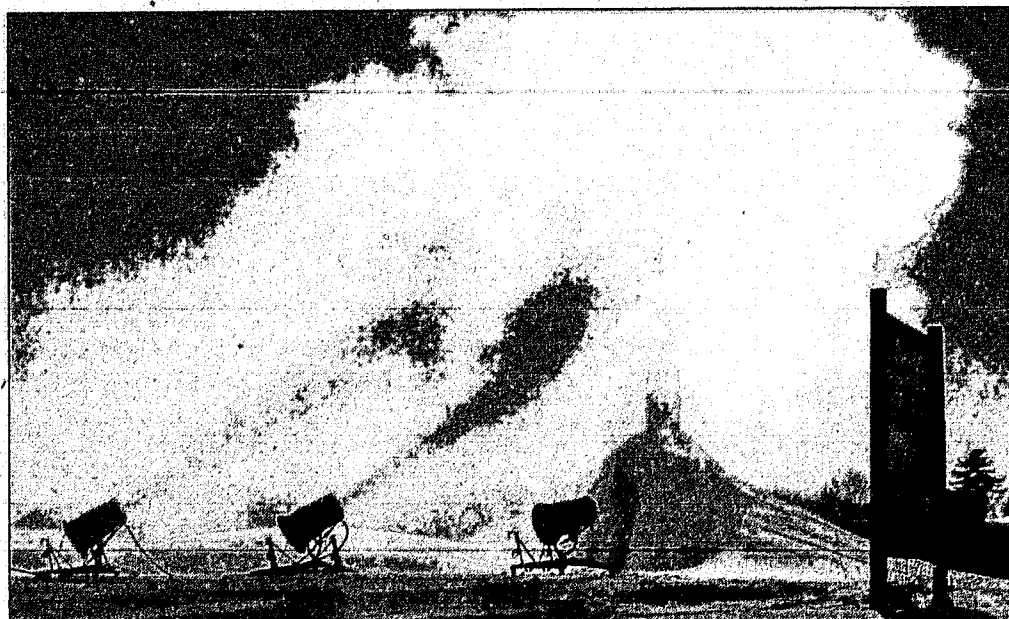
Wear Red Day and 10th Year of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day. Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, killing more women each year than all cancers combined. Because the symptoms of heart disease are different in women than in men, its seriousness was underestimated for decades. This special day calls attention to the fight against heart disease in women.

February is American Heart Month and Women's Heart Month. On Thursday, Feb. 7, To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) is presenting "Good Strong Heart: Women and Heart Disease" from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel. The speaker is Dr. Daniel van Buren, the Director of Cardiovascular Medicine of the New England Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, N.H. Dr. van Buren will discuss the prevention of heart disease, how to recognize the symptoms, and how to get a screening for heart disease. To Your Health is sponsored by the WMSC as a community service with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. The public

is invited to attend and admission is free.

Fresh snow last week covered most of the ice along trails and in the woods, making great snowshoeing conditions. On Saturday I snowshoed along the trails near the old mill yard on Route 26 just south of Telstar. Below the railroad tracks are logging roads and snowmobile trails that lead to Bethel, Greenwood, and beyond. I met a group of five snowshoers who had broken a fresh trail running southward parallel to the railroad tracks. They told me they had met two snowmobilers, two cross-country skiers, and one person on a mountain bike.

I hadn't thought much about winter use of a mountain bike, but then I remembered James Michener's historical novel, "Alaska," in which one of his characters bicycles 1,000 miles along the frozen Yukon River to cash in on the gold rush. Although Michener's character is fictitious, he based the story on the real bicycle trip of Max Hirschberg in 1900. Hirschberg wrote an article about his trek for "Alaska Magazine" during the late 1950s. During the gold rush, it seems that "Klondike Bicycles" were used by would-be miners to transport themselves and freight along the frozen rivers. Some of the bicycles weighed as much as fifty pounds. Since air-inflated tires froze, these bicycles had solid rubber tires one-and-a-half inches in diameter. Bicyclists



HALFWAY THERE-Snow groomers from Sunday River last week began pushing up snow around the center logs of the 2013 "snowcano" in Bethel. This week snow guns joined the effort. The sliding hill is scheduled to open Feb. 9, with the "eruption" planned for Feb. 16. (Photo: J. Arizzi)

wrapped the handlebars in rawhide to avoid getting frostbite from the freezing metal. Is it possible that bicycling could become a popular winter sport here?

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It was a busy week at the InnSide Shop and hope it will stay this way. You

really ought to stop in and check it out. Most of our customers are amazed at the variety and also the unusual things we have.

Arlene Harrington had a visitor; her nephew Clarence "Sonny" Remington was here from North Carolina. He told her that it was pretty darn cold and windy when he was skiing at Sunday River. He had lunch with his "bestest" Aunt and they had a lot of fun together.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, Lily Hebert Lewis celebrated her first birthday and they had her party at the Locke Mills church. It was puppy themed! (It was a pawty.) She also got baptized there that morning. Belated Happy Birthday from the whole neighborhood.

It is time for the answer to the Trivia. The salvaged timber used to build the ferryman's house came from the house, which once belonged to James Pote and at one time Patterson Beatties.

I would like to come up with a theme for the "cabin fever buster" for all of us to do. Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with suggestions.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Since the cold weather has arrived, it feels more like January.

The thermometer got up to just a little above zero last week and colder weather is predicted for this week. My brother, Steve McLain, spent last Saturday at the Transfer Station as the Transfer Station Attendant, since Scott was called out of town.

Scott Bogart received word this past week that his mother had passed away. He and Cheryl made the trip to be with the family. Condolences to their family.

My brother has found another loyal reader of this column. He was speaking with Burnie Rice the other day and Burnie

husband, Dan, may be able to come home in a couple of weeks. She wanted to express thanks from the Cole family to the Gilead Fire Department for being thoughtful enough to put on the benefit breakfast recently and to all those who came to support the effort. They also would like everyone to know that all the cards and well wishes have been appreciated.

Town Office

Rapid Renewal has finally arrived for Gilead residents! Thanks to the hard work and persistence of Gilead's Tax Collector, Leann Caruso, this service is now available for Gilead residents to be able to re-register their motor vehicles on line if they choose to do so.

Those that do not want to, can still re-register their vehicles at the town office as usual. Many thanks to Leann for all the time she put into this project.

The Town of Gilead is the latest town in Maine to offer this online service. The Town even made the news!

There was an article in the Lewiston Sun Journal on Jan. 17 and also on the Channel 6 website: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article/227882/314/Rapid-Renewal-service-spreads-across-Maine>.

To access Rapid Renewal visit the State of Maine website page for online services at http://www.maine.gov/sos/online_services/index.html and choose Rapid Renewal, renew vehicle (trailer) and then choose Gilead from the list of towns and follow the instructions.

Be sure to gather all necessary information beforehand. This would be the same documentation needed when registering at the Town Office, such as insurance and odometer information.

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Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Mona and I enjoyed our 7 day cruise in the southern Caribbean and Gulf of

Mexico - lots of sun, sand and good food! Of course, we were scheduled for a 10-day cruise, but an aircraft brake light glitch at the Raleigh-Durham airport resulted in us spending a couple days in Fort Lauderdale and one in Aruba waiting for "our ship to come in!" Turns out, we didn't miss much of the cruise besides two days tossing about among a bunch of seasick tourists as the ship bounced through some rough seas. One person we later met on the boat said that at one point the ship's swimming pool tossed a big wave out of the pool so high it extinguished the flame in the barbecue grill on the pool deck! We were relaxing in a seaside restaurant in Aruba when that happened. We boarded the ship Monday afternoon, Jan. 7.

Next day we spent a few hours exploring some of the shops and the open air market on Curacao. Then it was a couple days at sea until we arrived at the Panama Canal's northern end at the city of Colon. (The canal runs north and south). Colon has a huge port facility with numerous huge cranes and a dozen or more cargo ships waiting entry into either the port or the canal. We were told that the Canal operates on a tight time schedule, and ships must wait their turn and enter at their appointed time or be required to await the next open time in the flow of ships. Our cruise line (Holland America) pays an extra fee

(\$35,000 plus the regular transit fee to traverse the canal locks at its desired time). In our case, we traveled only through the first set of locks and entered Gatun Lake about two hours after passing by Colon. Gatun Lake is a man made lake designed by the Army Corps of Engineers when they built the canal to provide water to operate the locks. There is no shortage of water because the area receives an average of more than 250 inches of rain per year! Our ship anchored in the lake to let passengers go ashore to enjoy shore excursions while the ship returned through the locks to the city of Colon. There were fewer passengers aboard our cruise ship during the return passage through the locks, so we had a much better view of this engineering marvel. We had a couple of hours ashore in Colon, awaiting the return of passengers who had taken excursions. The only thing I purchased there was a panama hat and a ceramic mug with a colorful outline of the Panama Canal.

Next day we arrived in Costa Rica, where we took an interesting shore excursion. This side trip took us on a boat ride in a canal for a close-up look at the birds, animals and foliage of this tropical paradise. Our tour guide proudly informed us that we were unusually lucky to see examples of all three species of monkeys that inhabit Costa Rica, howler monkeys, spider monkeys and white faced monkeys. We also rode an ancient train with wooden bench seats, open air windows and an inoperative toilet, enroute to a Del Monte banana plantation, where we watched the sorting, cleaning and packing of the green fruit. The huge stalks of bananas are brought from the banana groves to the packaging plant by runners who each pull strings of 5 stocks of bananas suspended below a narrow track from the fields to the packing plant.

Our tour guide told us each stalk of bananas weighs about 50 to 75 pounds and that the "runners" are the highest paid workers employed there. Because of the annual 20 feet of rainfall, the banana fields have deep ditches running beside every second row of banana bushes for drainage, making mechanized harvesting impractical.

It was a two days and nights sail from Costa Rica back to Fort Lauderdale. We enjoyed the 24-hour availability of great food, the evening entertainment shows, the casino, and various facilities, including pool, spa, beauty shop, exercise equipment and numerous bars as well as classes for all sorts of activities and sunshine almost every day.

Upon docking at the Ft. Lauderdale pier at 7 a.m., we stood in lines and hurried through customs, suffering numerous delays, fearing that we would miss our 10:30 a.m. flight departure from Ft. Lauderdale Airport, but good luck prevailed, and we arrived home at about 7:30 p.m. Monday evening, Jan. 14.

Bryant Pond



Sym- pathy is extended to the family of Walter Appleby Jr. Judith

Grover tent 17 DUVCW met on Monday, Jan. 14, at the home of Alice Hoyt with eight members present. The charter was draped for Eleanor Lowe as a 60-year-plus member of Annie A. Gould tent 1, Portland, and two real daughters of Civil War Veterans. Officers were installed by Past President Sally Sawyer.

It was reported the Grange wanted to put on a chowder supper for the monument fund and we said we would help them. Plans are to have this during school vacation. Calls reported were 23. Mystery package went to Alice Hoyt. Next meeting, Feb. 11. We will write Valentines for veterans. Nancy Willard is holding exercise classes for seniors on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library. Bethel, Woodstock, and Greenwood senior citizens are invited to participate. Dates are Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. Stretching, balance, plus some strength exercises are included. All seniors are welcome. Bring a friend.

Services at the Baptist

Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Service at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Prayer Meeting.

Maggie Hoyt and friend Whitney from Washington, D.C., visited her grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt, and parents, James and Charlene Hoyt, for a few days before returning to school. Maggie just returned from Russia.

Andover

By JANE RICH



If you wondered where my column was last week, the simple truth is I didn't write

one as I was away in Burlington, Vt., to attend the Memorial Service for a friend and also to do some rest and recreation which included seeing "Lincoln," which I highly recommend to everyone. For me one of the highlights was watching the then Speaker of the House, Schuyler Colfax, because my grandfather was named after him.

This Saturday evening, Jan. 26, there will be a Public Potluck Supper at the First Congregational Church which has been given the title Starlight and Snowflakes. In addition to the meal there will be a 50-50 and a surprise or two. Don't miss it! Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the meal being served at 5:30.

The Snow Valley Snowgoers will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Plans will be discussed for the upcoming annual Family Fun Day scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The First Congregational Church Annual Meeting has been moved from Feb. 3 to Feb. 17 following the worship service. All members are urged to attend this important meeting which will plan church activities for 2013 and elect officers. There will be a potluck lunch.

The People in Action group will host a free public luncheon Feb. 12 at noon in the CEB dining room. The food pantry will also be open that day from 9-10 a.m.

While dining at the Red Hen I noticed the following: A student-exchange group is looking for host families for next year. The student will be attending Telstar. This

is a great experience not only for the student but for the host family. When I was in high school, we had an exchange student from Norway (the country) and 48 years later we were able to contact him and have him be part of our class reunion. Life-long friendships come from these encounters. If you're interested in being a host family or knowing more about what that entails, please contact Richard and Heather Henderson at (207) 357-0880 or (207) 418-7646 or e-mail henderson.iseusa@gmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Board of Select Persons met Jan. 15 for their

monthly meeting. Attending were Board Chairwoman Brenda Lee Gross, Selectman Richard Stratton and Town Clerk Clem Worcester. Much of their activity involved gathering information for a meeting with the County Commissioners. It was reported that the 2 percent early pay discount prior to Dec. 31 had been successful in bringing more tax income than the year before during the same time period. It was noted that this was the second year for the project. The Board reviewed a report from Maine Municipal Association Insurance and took action to replace smoke alarm batteries, install carbon monoxide detectors and exit signs. Other larger items were taken under advisement until spring.

Those who have not licensed their dogs before Feb. 1 will be subject to an additional \$25 fee. Remember to bring a Spay/Neuter Certificate and an up-to-date Rabies Certificate. We care for our doggies enough to do the effort to get it done.

Despite the sub zero weather recently there is still open water where brooks and streams enter the Androscoggin River. The ice is not thick at either the river or Howard Pond where snow covered a skim of ice.

Weekend visitors of Donna and Clem Worcester were Shawnee and Makala Worcester and Buddy Tripp. Buddy enjoyed running around in the snow while the twins liked working on a computer.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



There isn't much going on in Albany these days. Last week Doug and I attended Jeff Barton's

funeral. A very sad day for my boys as Jeff was their baby sitter for several years. Our sincere sympathy to Franklin and Margaret, and family and Jeff's wife Sue and their family.

Franklin and Margaret and family wish to thank all their friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during their recent loss of Jeffery. Franklin, Jimmy and Roger went to Sabbatus Pond ice fishing and caught a large number of northern pike on Saturday.

Edna York is at Norway Rehab after a stay in the hospital with pneumonia. While in the hospital Edna turned 103 years young! A belated happy birthday to you from all your friends and neighbors.

Must get ready for the Patriots game. Keep warm.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood Selectmen recently discussed the

proposed state budget and how it could effect us. Town Manager Kim Sparks said that we would lose an estimated \$53,000 a year in state revenue if this budget is passed. You know whose pockets that money could eventually come out of. Our Selectmen are hoping the proposed state budget will not pass.

Budget meetings for Greenwood begin Thursday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m., at the town office, and will continue every Thursday for about six weeks.

A request was received from Doug Grover by Town Manager Sparks concerning an illegal junk yard on his Rowe Hill property. He asked that the Town discontinue legal action against him for this. He stated that friends would help him clean it up, but he still refused to have Greenwood's Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey Whitman take pictures of the illegal junk yard. Based on this refusal, the Selectmen decided to continue the legal action. Grover did not attend the meeting.

US Postal rates will go up Jan. 27 as well as box rents. This is on top of the USPO's proposed cuts in service to its patrons. Raise rates and lower service. Hmmm, interesting way to run a business.

Mt. Abram has installed two electric-vehicle charging stations near the main lodge for people who drive electric and hybrid cars. They are the second ski area in the US to do this. The other is in Stevens Pass, Wash. Good move, Mt. A.

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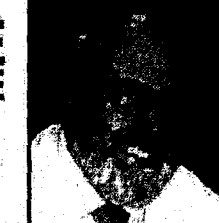
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Lorene Mills hosted her family's annual "Christmas in January" party Sunday at her home on the Knoll. Everyone enjoyed a light lunch with plenty of desserts including a delicious birthday cake made by Calla Cobb to celebrate anyone who has a birthday in the coming year. There was an exchange of gifts and lots of good fellowship. There was even a snowball fight enjoyed by the children both big and small. They ranged between six and twenty-something years. Those present were Laura Hutchins, Lorraine Larson, Mandy and Mat Conkright and children Richard, Blythe and Malia, Calla Cobb and her significant other Dave and his son Will, Preston Cobb and his significant other Abbie Hutchins, Ralph Mills and his wife and hostess Lorene Mills.

There have been a number of dramatic sunrises this January. With the sun rising at 7 a.m., that means we can sleep in a bit and still get to see the dawn. Clouds, haze, particles in the air, and the lower angle of the sun combine to produce the purples, pinks, oranges, and reds we have seen this winter. Some of the most beautiful sunrises (and sunsets) feature solid decks of middle or high clouds that cover the entire sky except for a narrow clear strip near the horizon.

The angle of the sun's rays is beginning to steepen as we move closer to spring, so enjoy those gorgeous sunrises while we have them.

You can send me news at 3taichi6@gmail.com

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



BRITTT... the thermometer read 0.0 this morning (Jan. 18), the sun is brightly shining through the house warming it up. Condolences to the following families on the loss of their loved ones, Rebecca Ann Carro, Stephen Starbird, Izzy T. Newman, Iva E. Yates, Elijah (Tiger) White Jr., Delores M. Thomas, Dorothy G. Austin, Percy M. Buck and Zoe L. May. Our thoughts and prayers to each family member.

This is truly a bad flu year, so many are getting it and have major complications with it - many of my friends ended up getting pneumonia and respiratory problems.

Get well wishes to Betty Davis, Louise Guilford, Dotty Packard, Gerry Brown, and Lexis Richards.

Love and prayers to Jackie Harmon; Jackie's daughter-in-law passed away suddenly yesterday from a massive heart attack.

My niece, Dori, is coming up to visit after her last

class today. Haven't seen her to really visit and talk with for quite a while.

A great gathering at the Woodstock Advent Church for Walter (Joe Pete) Appleby, Jr., last Sunday. The church was full with family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Celebrating January birthdays: Romeo Langelier, Theresa Bisson, Jean Arsenault, Jim Mason, Sr., Jack Roberts, Reese Owens, Lillian Bennett, Alice Allen, Robert Hill, Rex Richardson, Bob Withee, Tammy Estes, Willy Libby, Rhonda Cossar, Diane Hanscom, Sandy Landers, and Carol Cox.

G' morning to John and Martha McCormick - have not seen you out and about for a long time. Hope you folks are both well.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



On television they are threatening people who don't get flu shots.

Perhaps we need to come up with alternative ways of keeping people healthy. At my age, I have never had a flu shot. As a child they wouldn't give me one because I always had what they thought was a cold. Actually, it was allergies.

Now it turns out I can't have one because of an intolerance to eggs unless they are really fresh. The flu shot uses egg albumen. So no flu shot. I just have to stay healthy other ways. I try to get people who are sick to stay away, but that doesn't always happen. I cannot see how an employer can fire someone for not getting a flu shot. I know that many of us do not get sick days. I never have. I do, however, take time off when I am ill. I know better than to tough it out because with me it never works. So here I am, taking care of myself to overcome illness and hope for the best.

That having been said, I try to stay out of people's way when I am ill and not transmit flu and viruses to others. I wish all would do the same, but I know many have to work sick or not. It is the way our society works.

1-24-13, Thursday, ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. It is a discussion group and open to new people. FMI please call 739-9115.

1-28-13, Monday, the Bridge Group will meet at the Waterford Library at 6:30 p.m. Partners are guaranteed. FMI please call 583-2050.

1-31-13, Thursday, ACOA will meet at Waterford Library at 10 a.m. It is a discussion group. FMI please call 739-9115.

1-31-13 at 7 p.m. at the Waterford Town office, 366 Valley Road, there will be



MUSIC FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS-Telstar High School's Music Department recently announced the students who are accepted into the District II Music Festivals this year. Instrumentalists include Anneliese Smith on trumpet, Samantha Coriveau on mallet percussion, and Carla Boyle-Wight on flute. The Vocal festival participants include Anneliese Smith, Aislynn Forbes, and Nick Johnson. The Instrumental Festival will be Saturday, Jan. 26 at Oxford Hills High School. The Concert Band will be under the direction of Andrew Boysen. The Choral Festival will be Saturday, Feb. 2 at Windham High School. The Treble Choir is under the direction of Betsy Degroff and the Mixed Choir is conducted by Mark Kaplan. Admission to either concert is \$5 per person or \$10 per family and the doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

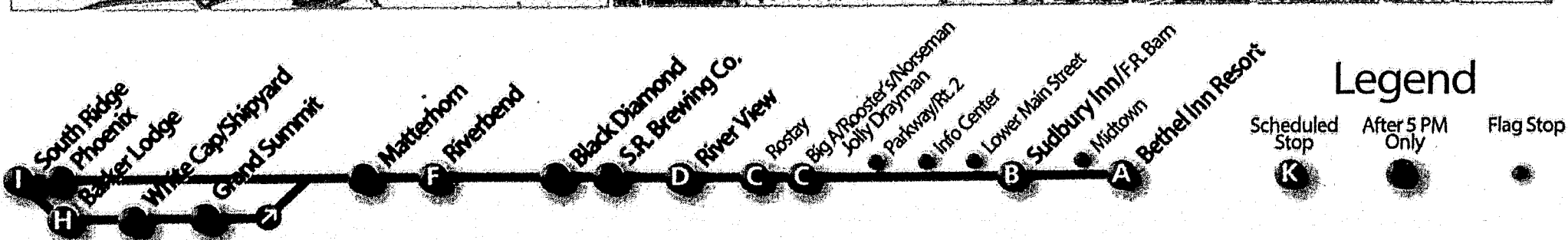
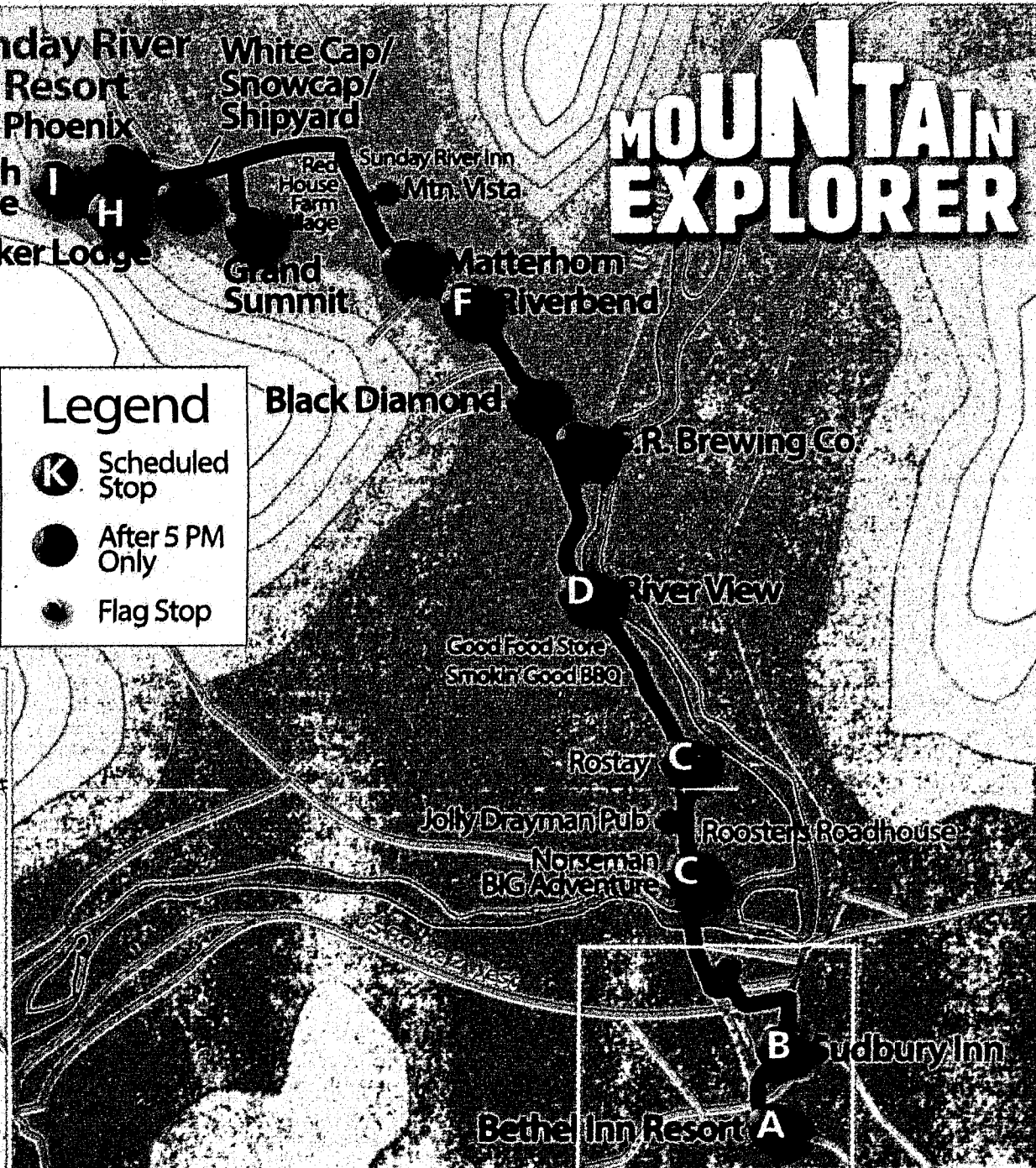
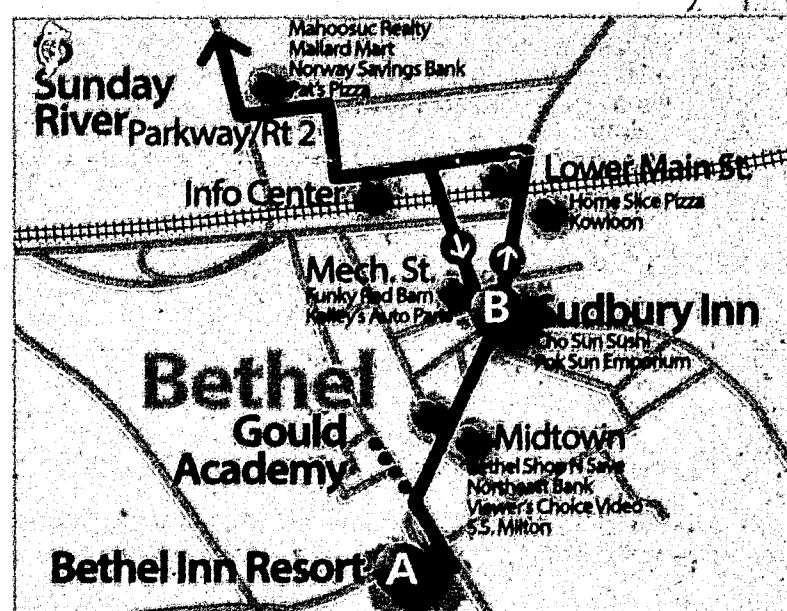
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a meeting about Tar Sands Oil. Ray Holmes will answer questions. FMI please call 583-6613. That will be all for this week. Stay warm and dry.

Winter 2012-2013 Timetable

Mountain Explorer passengers have access to the free Sunday River shuttle services going to Barker Lodge, Grand Summit Hotel or Jordan Hotel.

Mountain Explorer passengers wishing to use the free Sunday River Shuttle service will need to transfer at the South Ridge Base Lodge.



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Program on buying clubs

On Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church in Bethel the Western Mountains Alliance, in partnership with Boondocks Buying Club and Local Food Connection, will sponsor a workshop for interested farmers and community members. This workshop is open to any farmer interested in supplying the Boondocks Buying Club or using online marketing tools, and to any community member interested in joining the buying club or starting their own club.

Amy Scott of Local Food Connection and founder of the Boondocks Buying Club will facilitate the workshop which will introduce the concept of local food buying clubs. Tricia Cook of Western Mountains Alliance will introduce online marketing tools currently in use around the state by farmers' markets. Jeremy Bloom, co-creator of BuyingClubSoftware.com will demonstrate his software and conduct a comprehensive training to farmers and club volunteers interested in using the software. Gabe Perkins, Boondocks Club Coordinator, will explain the process for selling to the Boondocks Buying Club.

The Boondocks Buying Club has been serving more than twenty Bethel area families for the past two and a half years and is ready to grow.

Lunch will be provided, but space is limited. Preference will be given to farmers committed to supplying the Boondocks Buying Club. Please contact Tricia Cook by Feb. 4, 2013 at 778-3885 or by email tcCook@westernmountainsalliance.org to save a spot.

Bethel Library adds children's books

The Bethel Library recently added 100 new children's books to its collection. The books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books, and encouraging parents and children to read together. The new books range from pre-kindergarten picture books through early readers.

The books include: "Young Cam Jansen and the Library Mystery" by David A. Adler, "Degas and the Little Dancer: A Story about Edgar Degas" by Laurence Anholt, "Our Library" by Eve Bunting, "When I Was Little: A Four-Year-Old's Memoir of Her Youth" by Jamie Lee Curtis, "Silly Street: Selected Poems" by Jeff Foxworthy, "Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World" by Juliana Hatkoff, "Dog Who Belonged to No One" by Amy Hest, "Snowy Day"

by Ezra Jack Keats, "Library Mouse" by Daniel Kirk, "Bert Dow: Deep Water Man" by Robert McCloskey, "Winston the Book Wolf" by Marni McGee, "What Will You Be, Grandma?" by Nanette Newman, "My Very First Mother Goose" by Iona Archibald Opie, "Chester Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully" by Audrey Penn, "Thunder Cake" by Patricia Polacco, "Epossumondas" by Coleen Salley, "Best Story Book Ever" by Richard Scarry, "Splat the Cat" by Rob Scotton, "Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?" by Shel Silverstein, "All Kinds of Children" by Norma Simon, "Amazing Bone" by William Steig, "Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message" by Jake Swamp, "Henry Aaron's Dream" by Matt Tavares, "I Went Walking" by Sue Williams, and "How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?" by Jane Yolen.

Workshop on grants

A free workshop on grants and grant programs in Maine is being offered by the Mahoosuc Arts Council (www.mahoosucarts.org) and the Maine Arts Commission (www.mainearts.com) Feb. 15.

Arts administrators, board volunteers, directors, artists and anyone wanting to learn more about the grant process for arts and cultural projects in Maine are invited to attend a free morning workshop. Grant opportunities for Maine artists, arts organizations and school programs as well as events and other opportunities being offered by the Maine Arts Commission, a state agency, will also be presented.

Ample time will be provided for questions and answers. Please feel welcome to bring examples of previous proposals, awarded and unsuccessful.

Kathy Ann Shaw, Senior Grants Associate, has offered to stay after the workshop to provide personal consultation on sample grant proposals. All activities are offered free of charge and include lunch. Registration is required and limited to 12 participants working through six 15-minute segments.

The event will be held in Ordway Hall at Gould Academy on Church Street, Bethel. Lunch is being generously provided by Gould Academy.

For further information on the "Grant Doctor" Workshop, please contact Kathy at (207) 287-2726 or kathy.shaw@maine.gov or Mahoosuc Arts Council Executive Director Aranka Matolcsy at (207) 890-6386 or info@mahoosucarts.org.

Prime Time Ski Cub news

The Prime Time Ski Club welcomed some visiting

guests who arrived for the season to ski on the sometimes cold and sometimes "breezy" slopes at Sunday River. The visitors joined us at 10 a.m. this past week seeking a "ski buddy," and came to us from Portland in the south and Sugarloaf to the north. Members who were at the mountain this past week were rewarded with wonderfully groomed corduroy, short lift lines and open slopes with few skiers. It was a wonderful week for polishing one's skills or moving up a level in ski skills.

It looks like the coming week will require even more hardiness but no less enthusiastic spirit as the weather dives into the cold. It will be a week to tuck in our hand and toe warmers, wear our balaclavas and consume more hot chocolate than usual.

Members enjoyed a wonderful night out at the Sunday River Brewing Co. last week. There was unanimous agreement that the food, spirits and music were wonderful as was the camaraderie of old and new friends getting together in front of a fire after a somewhat cold and windy day of skiing. It was the club's first "night out" of the season and a grand one at that. The Sunday River Brewing Co. will surely get a revisit from Prime Timers who, to a person, enjoyed themselves.

See what we're about at www.primetimeskiclub.com. The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects.

BHS Business Partners

The Bethel Historical Society's Business Partner program for 2013 is now underway, with letters highlighting the benefits of membership in BHS having been mailed to some 60 area businesses. As one of the leading cultural institutions of its type in northern New England, the society realizes that this ranking is due in large part to the support received from the business community in the Bethel area and beyond.

In turn, the Bethel Historical Society strives to promote its Business Partners in a variety of ways - knowing that this successful partnership contributes directly to the economic vitality of the region. Each year, thousands of people visit the society's "Museum of Regional History," which features more than a dozen exhibit spaces and period rooms. In addition, the society offers a regular schedule of lectures, courses, craft demonstrations, and educational activities designed to make the area's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for people of all ages. Thanks to the finan-

cial support of its Business Partners, the society is able to carry out its mission of collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting the history of western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire.

In return for the financial support of its Business Partners, the Bethel Historical Society provides a broad range of member benefits: an attractive Business Partner certificate to display; referral of member businesses to BHS visitors, staff, volunteers, and trustees; Business Partners' literature prominently displayed at the society's Robinson House (open year-round); Business Partner listings and links on the BHS website; subscriptions to The Broad Street Herald (newsletter), The Courier (history journal) and the society's e-News; listings in each issue of the society's newsletter; plus several others.

As the society's Business Partners program enters another year, staff and trustees are pleased to report that they continue to receive very positive responses from the businesses that participate. Their reasons for joining - and renewing - are wide ranging and include a long-term commitment to the Bethel Historical Society's mission; an interest in the history and heritage of western Maine and the White Mountain region; a recognition of the society as an important economic engine for the area; and a desire to make a tax-deductible contribution to an extremely active nonprofit organization. Of course, one of the greatest benefits of becoming a Bethel Historical Society Business Partner is the satisfaction received knowing that membership fees support a vital cultural organization that collects, protects and shares this region's rich heritage.

The Bethel Historical Society is very grateful to the following businesses who have joined or renewed their membership in the society for 2013: Bethel Family Dentistry; Bonnema Potters; Brooks Bros., Inc.; Café DiCocoa / DiCocoa's Market and Bakery; Chapman Inn; Gray Marketing; Pooh Corner Farm, Mason; River View Resort; Ski Esta; Steam Mill Antiques; Tourmaline Media; W. J. Wheeler Insurance Agency; and Western Maine Supply Company. Please take advantage of the quality services offered by these BHS Business Partners and let them know you appreciate their support.

WMSC program on heart disease

"The characteristics of heart disease in women are quite unique compared to men," states Dr. Daniel van Buren

who will speak on "Good Strong Heart: Women and Heart Disease" on Thursday, Feb. 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel, with a snow date of Feb. 14. Dr. van Buren said these differences must be emphasized when educating women about heart disease, and considered for the proper diagnosis and management of heart disease in women.

To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) offers this program to call attention to heart disease in women during American Heart Month. This program is part of a year-long series presented by To Your Health focusing on the theme, "Keeping the glass half-full; maximizing our health and happiness as we grow older."

Dr. van Buren is well qualified to address the topic of heart disease. He is the Director of Cardiovascular Medicine of the New England Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin,

N.H. He completed his internal medicine and cardiology training in Brooklyn, N.Y., and now resides in Bethel, Maine. He is board certified in internal medicine, adult echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular disease.

Dr. van Buren said heart disease is the number one killer of women in the US. He will discuss the prevention of heart disease in women, how to recognize the symptoms, screenings for heart disease, and how women should advocate for themselves with their providers. He will allow time for questions and will have handouts available.

To Your Health is sponsored by WMSC as a community service with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments available. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 55, Telstar 27; Jan. 13-Top scorer: Mike DelDuca 10. Top rebounder: DelDuca 10.

Mt. Abram 58, Telstar 53; Jan. 15-Telstar high scorers: Mike DelDuca 30; Maverik Griffin 13. Top rebounders: DelDuca 11, Nick Mills 9.

Hall-Dale 42, Telstar 39; Jan. 17- Top scorer: Mike DelDuca 15, Nick Mills 12. top rebounder: Mike Daugherty 8.

High School Girls' Nordic Skiing

5-k Maranacook Wave Race at Sugarloaf; Jan. 19 - Telstar stats: Carla Boyle-Wight 20:24.9, 26th overall, 4th freshman girls; Gabi Stone 22:01.5, 56th overall and 18th sophomore girls; Pin Jintataporn 24:55.8, 89th overall, 23rd senior girls; Kaitlyn Brown 25:44.5, 95th overall, 22nd freshman girls; Rachael Wheeler 25:45.5, 96th overall, 24th senior girls; Anneliese Smith 26:06.5, 101st overall, 19th junior girls; Annaliese Hawthorne 34:26.6 135th overall, 45th sophomore girls.

High School Boys' Nordic Skiing

5-k Maranacook Wave Race at Sugarloaf; Jan. 19 - Telstar stats: Nick Johnson 20:24.9, 106th overall, 30th sophomore boys; Greg Wheeler 20:38.8, 109th overall, 32nd sophomore boys; Liam Gallagher 21:27.9 122nd overall, 38th sophomore boys; Aaron Speakman 22:53.5 142nd overall, 48th sophomore boys.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

The Laid Back Installers (7-1) took over the sun spot this week by virtue of a tough fought victory over Hotel Rumford (6-2), 82-78. Meanwhile, the Bethel Bobcats (7-1) dropped into second place even though they also won, beating Black Bear Industries (2-6), 65-57, in a physical battle. Archie's (2-6) bested the Thundercats (0-8) 87-56. In a back and forth contest to the end, LBI converted late game baskets. Hotel Rumford had their chances, but foul trouble plagued them in the end. LBI had five players in double-figure, Eric Canwell with 16 points, Brian Canwell 14, Chris Baxter 12, Owen Jones 11, and Jon Benjamin 10. Hotel Rumford was led by Craig Milledge with 22 points, followed by Chris Walker 19, Dan Thibeault 11, and Aaron St. Pierre 10. Later, the Bethel Bobcats and Black Bear Industries dueled back and forth, with the Bobcats maintaining a lead throughout. BBI came as close as 3 in the middle of the second half, but clutch 3-point scoring by Ryan Savage and Sean Caddigan sealed the game. Caddigan led all scorers with 21 points; Matt Zetts had 14, and Wade Osgood 10. BBI was led by Ryan Conrad with 15 points and Corey Provencher with 14. Archie's took control of the game early and never allowed the Thundercats to really challenge throughout. They got 21 points from Isaac Roberts. Kenny Armstrong assisted with 16 points followed by 15 from Mike Holmquist and 10 from Brett Archibald. The Thundercats' newcomer, Tim Turner, had four three-pointers and 20 points, while Tom Leclerc and Tyson Hanson contributed 12 each. Sunday, Jan. 27, the games feature Black Bear Industries and Archie's going at it at 10 a.m., LBI playing the Thundercats at 11:30 a.m., and a 1 p.m. rematch between the Bethel Bobcats and Hotel Rumford.

Church Services

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Cathary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 892-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are avail-

able); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walker's Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt

may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882. **Pleasant Valley Bible** - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 8- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 24

10 a.m. - **ACOA Meeting**, Waterford Library. It is a discussion group, and open to new people. FMI: 739-9115.

7 p.m. - **Telstar Athletic Boosters Meeting**, Telstar cafeteria. Items for discussion include ideas for future activities and fundraisers. All welcome. FMI: 491-7264.

Jan. 25, 26, 27

12th **New Hampshire Sanctioned & Jackson Invitational Snow Sculpting Competition**, Jackson, N.H. Sculpting begins Friday, Jan. 25 with many other events throughout the weekend including a bonfire, scavenger hunt, and more. Interested sculptors or those wishing further details can call (603) 383-9356 or visit www.JacksonNH.com.

Friday, Jan. 25

6 to 8 p.m. - **Dance with DJ "Joe the Music Man"** at 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Donations accepted at the door. FMI call 364-4561.

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **AudioBody**, a fusion of hilarious physical comedy and mind-blowing technology. Leura Hills Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$10/children/students, \$15/adults, \$30 Family of 4 Pack (2 adults, 2 children). FMI visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or call 935-9232.

Saturday, Jan. 26

10 a.m. - **Bald Pate Snowshoe Hike**. Check in/Registration at the Bald Pate Mountain parking lot by 9:45 a.m. Hikers should wear appropriate winter clothing; bring snacks, water, and snowshoes. FMI: Jon Evans (jon@lelt.org) or (647-4352).

5 p.m. - **Starlight and Snowflakes Public Supper** to benefit the First Congregational Church, Andover. Casseroles, desserts, and salads. 50/50 raffle and door prize. Tickets \$7/adults, \$3/children. FMI: Sharon Hutchins (392-4351).

7 p.m. - **Wolf Moon Snow Shoe**, Shephard's Farm Preserve, 0.5 miles north of 117 on Crockett Ridge Road. Dogs are welcome. Limited off-street parking. Please carpool. Call 739-2123 if you need to borrow snow shoes for the event.

9 p.m. - **Fire & Ice Fashion Show**, Foggy Goggle, Sunday River. New England's top male and female models rock the latest ski, board, and swimwear. Attire complements of stylist Kathy Benharris. No cover charge. Donations to the Sunday River Region Charitable Fund (SRRCF) highly encouraged.

Sunday, Jan. 27

10 a.m. - **Bald Pate Snowshoe Hike**. Check in/Registration at the Bald Pate Mountain parking lot by 9:45 a.m. Hikers should wear appropriate winter clothing; bring snacks, water, and snowshoes. FMI: Jon Evans (jon@lelt.org) or (647-4352).

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Nansen Ski Club 2-14 km Nordic Ski Races**, Milan Hill State Park. Dog sledding tours and sledding also available. Parking: Milan Village School. Free shuttle from the school to the state park every 20 minutes. Other activities available in downtown Milan. FMI: www.skiansen.com.

Monday, Jan. 28

6:30 p.m. - **Bridge Group Meeting**, Waterford Library. Partners are guaranteed. FMI: 583-2050.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - **E-mail Marketing Workshop**, offered by the Western Maine Economic Development Council at The Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street. Cost: \$25/Chamber of Commerce members serving Oxford County, \$30/nonprofits and businesses that are not chamber members. To Register visit www.wmedc.org or contact Mia Purcell (739-6543).

6 p.m. - **Lake Christopher Neighborhood Meeting with Ron Fornier**, 4-H/U-Maine Camp director, Woodstock town office. All are welcome to discuss camp programs/activities and give input to neighborhood concerns. FMI: Jan Kendrick (665-2233).

7 p.m. - **In the Blood**, Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street, Bethel. The lives and times of Maine's hardy lumbermen and river drivers will be detailed in a multi-media presentation of film, photos, and music by Sumner McKane. Tickets: \$7/adults and children 13+, \$5/seniors (65+) and children 12 and under.

Thursday, Jan. 31

10 a.m. - **ACOA Meeting**, Waterford Library. It is a discussion group, and open to new people. FMI: 739-9115.

7 p.m. - **Tar and Sands Oil Meeting**, Waterford town office. Ray Holmes will answer questions. FMI: 583-6613.

Saturday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. - **New England Telemark Festival**, Mt. Abram. Clinics, rentals, lessons, demos, and a Telemark only Giant Slalom race event. Giveaways and live music all day.

5 p.m. - **Full Moon Hike**, Mt. Abram. Transportation for your skis and boards provided. Enjoy the hike, and then ski/ride down to the Loose Boots Lounge for live music and great food. \$5 fee for transportation of backpacks and boot bags.

Monday, Feb. 4

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Introduction to Genealogy**, Norway Memorial Library. Introductory workshop on the basics of genealogy research and using your local and state libraries to help research family history. To register call 743-5309 ext. 1 or stop by the library's information desk.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **A Socrates Café Gathering**, Waterford Library. Topic: "Who controls our ground water?" Moderated by Earl Morse. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

9:30 a.m. - **Online Buying Club Workshop** sponsored by the Western Mountains Alliance, Boondocks Buying Club, and Local Food Connection at the Bethel Alliance Church. Open to farmers interested in supplying the Boondocks Buying Club or using online marketing tools. Lunch will be provided. Space limited. Contact Tricia Cook (778-3885) or (tcook@westernmountainsalliance.org) by Feb. 4 to register.

7 p.m. - **Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club Meeting**, Sno-Goers clubhouse, Andover. Plans for the upcoming Family Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 23 will be discussed. All interested are invited to attend.

Thursday, Feb. 7

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Good Strong Heart: Women and**

Heart Disease, presented by cardiologist, Dr. Daniel van Buren, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Public invited. Free admission. FMI: 824-2053.

Saturday, Feb. 9

All Day - **Sledding on Snowcano Hill**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. Bring your own sleds and sled at your own risk. Open to the public.

9 a.m. - **State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting** at the Upton House.

11 a.m. - **Chinese Auction** at OHCHS Cafeteria, to benefit Project Graduation. 10 tickets \$2.50, 50 tickets \$10. 50/50 raffle and \$1 table items. (Auction starts at 1 p.m.) Donations call 674-3060. Items may be dropped off at OHCHS.

1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**, Oxford County Extension Center, South Paris. Speaker: President of Maine State Bee Association and Master Bee Keeper, Carol Cottrill. Topic: Wintering bees. Public is welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.net).

7 p.m. - **First Annual Cause for Laughter** at Mt. Abram. Performances by comedians Kate Carroll, Jordan Handren, and Mike Metevier. Auction, raffle, and 50/50. Proceeds to benefit the "Tucker and Ava Fund." A 21+ event. Admission: \$20. FMI: Kate Carroll (824-2145) or Sue Dunn (838-9808).

7 p.m. - **Award Winning Magician Illusionist George Saterial**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. \$8/adults, \$4/children. FMI/Ticket purchases: www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or 935-9232.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

9 to 10 a.m. - **Andover Food Pantry is open**.

12 p.m. - **Free Public Luncheon** by People in Action, CEB dining room, Andover.

6-7:30 p.m. - **TMS Mid-Year Open House** (in the auditorium and then a break out to grade level meetings).

Wednesday, Feb. 13

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting (Location Change)**. The meeting will be held at the Black Diamond instead of the Funky Red Barn. Menu: Turkey dinner. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, Feb. 14

7 p.m. - **One Billion Rising - Moving Our World - Rise Up and Dance to End Violence**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Forum.

Saturday, Feb. 16

10 a.m. - **Guided Snowshoe Trek**, Sunday River Valley. Gentle walk featuring naturalist Rick Churchill's observations. Snowshoes necessary. Rentals available. Meet at the Sunday River Inn. Parking across the street.

6:30 p.m. - **Snowcano Eruption**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. The Snowcano is a bonfire built inside a huge snow pile - when lit, the flames and sparks create a volcano-effect. Free and open to the public.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.-Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. There is no charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.-Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.-Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.-Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harpel Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 191 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.-Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153 or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinsor Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2. WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional,

or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7883.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - PLACES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

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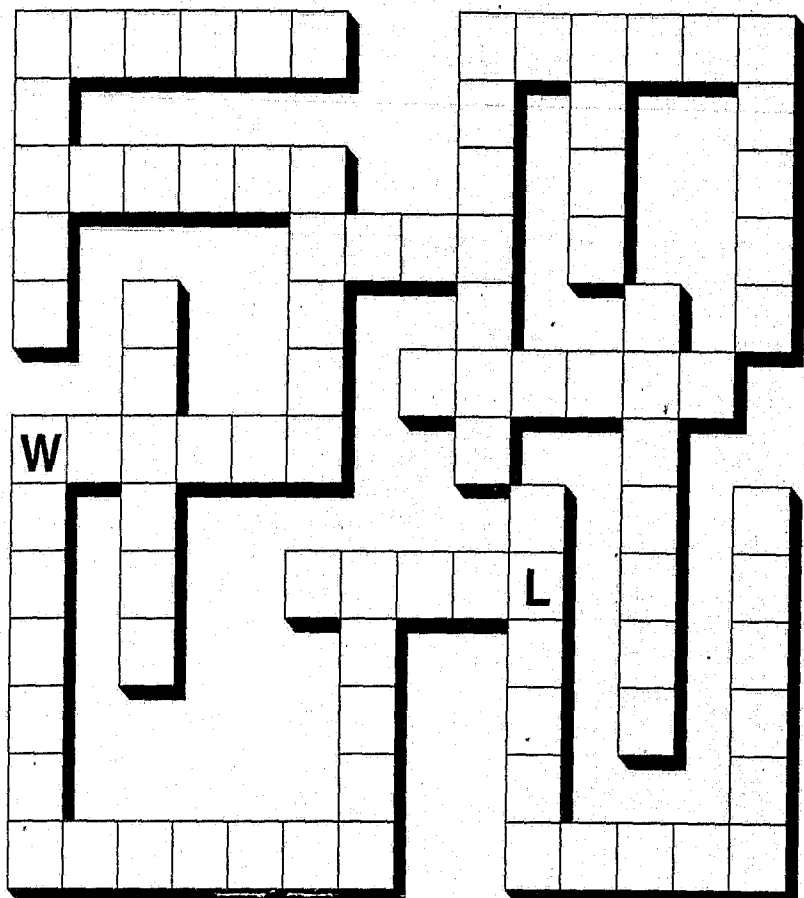
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WARNER

7 Letters

ARDMORE
FAIRFAX
LEBANON
WETONKA



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Jacket is opened. 2. Skateboard is missing. 3. Headset is missing.
4. Books are missing. 5. Stripes are missing. 6. Card is different.

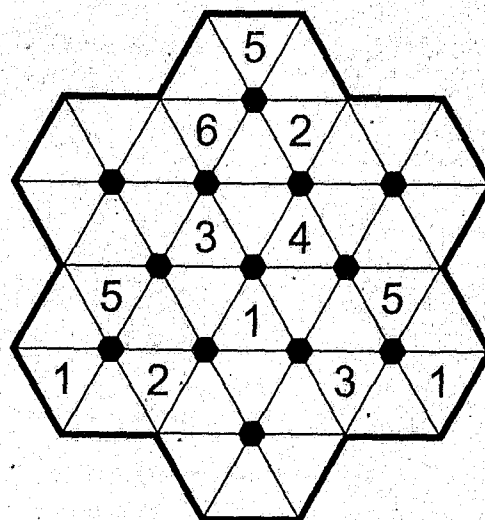
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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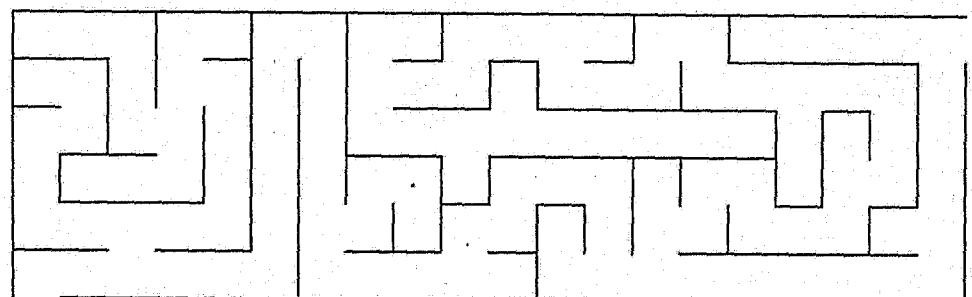
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD

"How can you ask for at a time like this? They just announced the winning numbers for the lottery and they weren't mine!"

Kids' Maze



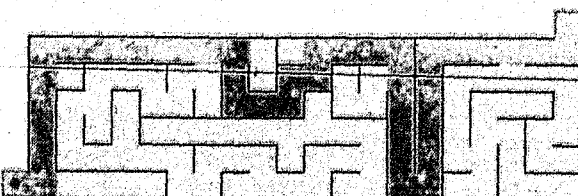
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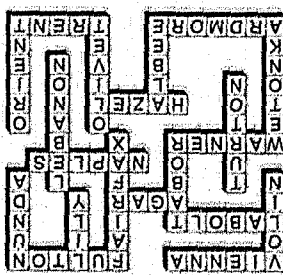
JOHN WHO?

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| ACROSS | 50 Bit of land in the sea | 82 Genetic cell stuff | DOWN | 1 Tach abbr. | 31 Points of convergence | 77 Manhandled |
| 1 Soda brand since 1905 | 51 Suffix with direct | 83 Like icecaps | 2 Mexican-Americans | 32 "out" (ballpark cry) | 32 "out" (ballpark cry) | 78 Famed tabulist |
| 7 Tree yielding gum arabic | 52 "Alice in Wonderland" star | 87 Goulash, e.g. | 3 Not drab | 34 Yitzhak of Israel | 79 — which way | 82 Wharf pest |
| 13 Sun visors and parasols | 53 "The Birds" star | 88 Partner of wherefores | 4 Preminger of film | 35 "Veni," in English | 84 Weight-triggered danger | 85 Reached classic cars |
| 20 Light particle | 54 "The Untouchables" star | 90 University in Detroit | 5 Appearance | 37 "No need to clarify" | 86 Classic cars | 88 Moisture |
| 21 Gondolas "roads" | 55 "The Birds" star | 92 Cosmetics | 6 Actress | 38 Livy's tongue | 89 Male lead | 90 Connected electrically |
| 22 Amount that fits in a fist | 56 Hammy | 95 Forget to include | 7 Lot units | 39 "Veni," in English | 91 Tree with samaras | 93 Part of DOS |
| 23 Hasbro is its parent | 57 Hammy | 97 Rough shed | 8 "Misery" star | 40 Fore-and-aft rig part | 94 Feared African insect | 96 Hall-of-Fame Giant |
| 25 African country | 58 Hammy | 98 Teen doing volunteer work in a hospital | 9 "What happened next ...?" | 43 "Either she goes — go" | 97 Stogie | 99 Wise truism |
| 26 Meal maker | 59 Hammy | 100 "pro nobis" (America, in Paris) | 10 Hard, thickened skin area | 45 Untwists | 100 David who played Bond | 101 Writer Shaw |
| 27 1983 Barbra Streisand musical | 60 Feminist | 102 That guy | 11 Suffix with duct | 47 Midsize 70-Down model | 102 Natural sweetener | 103 George Gershwin's "Concerto" |
| 28 Baseballer Combs | 61 "pro nobis" (America, in Paris) | 104 "Boot" Abbr. | 12 Until now | 48 Aspiring doc | 104 Natural sweetener | 108 Actress |
| 30 Toronto and Ottawa's loc. | 62 Holy Week's period | 105 Amnion of infancy | 13 Be a part of, as an experience | 49 Scuffles | 105 Amnion of infancy | 109 Prune a little |
| 31 Opposite of near | 63 "pro nobis" (America, in Paris) | 106 Mexican Mr. | 14 Passover chant of praise | 50 Soft & — deodorant | 106 Mexican Mr. | 110 Oxy 5 target |
| 32 "Indubitably" | 64 Las — Unis (America, in Paris) | 107 Sour fruit | 15 Lansbury of "Gaslight" | 51 Soft & — deodorant | 107 Sour fruit | 112 Rock — required buy |
| 33 What insults may result in | 65 Quantity: Abbr. | 108 — am (Seuss character) | 16 Post-WWII pres. | 52 Denotation | 108 — am (Seuss character) | 114 A certain 19th letter |
| 36 Stored, as a resumé | 66 Holy Week's period | 109 — am (Seuss character) | 17 Zee of "High School Musical" | 53 "Ask later" | 109 — am (Seuss character) | 116 Miracle — (plant food) |
| 39 "For — jolly good fellow" | 67 Alternative to Armani | 110 Minut-like dance | 18 Regretting greatly | 54 Mantra | 110 Minut-like dance | |
| 40 Spring flower | 68 Palm smartphone | 111 Minut-like dance | 19 Regretting greatly | 55 Summer, in Bordeaux | 111 Minut-like dance | |
| 41 Courteney Cox sitcom | 69 Accrued qty. | 112 Jazz "Count" | 20 Regretting greatly | 56 Nut trees | 112 Jazz "Count" | |
| 44 — Mawr College | 70 Accrued qty. | 113 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | 21 Regretting greatly | 57 Soft & — deodorant | 113 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | |
| 46 Egyptian snakes | 71 Accrued qty. | 114 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | 22 Regretting greatly | 58 Summer, in Bordeaux | 114 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | |
| | 72 Jazz "Count" | 115 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | 23 Regretting greatly | 59 Dustin Hoffman film | 115 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | |
| | 73 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | 116 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | 24 Regretting greatly | 60 Oily patches | 116 Grafton's "— for Innocent" | |
| | 74 Fee-free mutual funds | 117 Undying funds | 25 Regretting greatly | 61 Renter | 117 Undying funds | |
| | 75 Insect living in deadwood | 118 Harmonious dance | 26 Regretting greatly | 62 Main order | 118 Harmonious dance | |
| | 76 Insect living in deadwood | 119 Confessional user | 27 Regretting greatly | 63 Too | 119 Confessional user | |
| | 77 Big name in direct selling | 120 Gives a new label to | 28 Regretting greatly | 64 Main order | 120 Gives a new label to | |
| | 78 Works, as dough | 121 Take-home salary | 29 Regretting greatly | 65 Prevarication | 121 Take-home salary | |
| | 79 Knee's place | 122 Big name in swimwear | 30 Regretting greatly | 66 Assembly required | 122 Big name in swimwear | |
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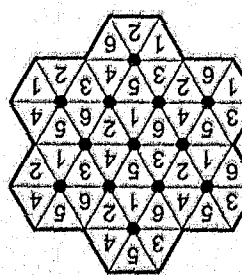
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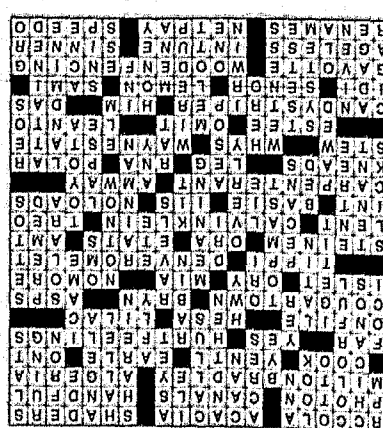
Kids' Maze Solution



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SNOWFLAKES solution



Super Crossword

Today's Word: Money

Scramblers: 1. Entice 2. Relay 3. Method 4. Allot

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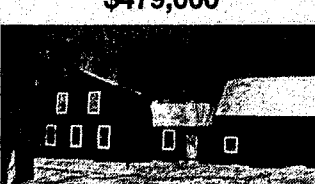
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John Tyler was born in Gorham, N.H., on Dec. 25, 1934 to Stella and Leon Tyler Sr. After graduating from Gorham High School, John joined the Army, serving honorably in Germany as an airplane mechanic. After the Army, John returned to Gilead, Maine, and fell in love and married Betty Jane Bennett, of Bethel, Maine, on May 24, 1958.

John had a successful 30-year career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (Shop 56) in Kittery, Maine, including periodic assignments at bases in California, Connecticut, Scotland and the Phil-

ippines. After his retirement, John worked several years in the mail room at Liberty Mutual in Dover, N.H., before landing his dream job for the last 12 years as a handy-man and starter at The Links at Outlook Golf Course in South Berwick, Maine. John also worked part time for many years at Safeway Storage in Portsmouth, N.H. In semi-retirement, John and Betty spent a number of years RV'ing around the country, exploring the United States, and visiting their grandchildren.

John and Betty raised their family in Eliot, Maine, with children Raeleen, Randy, and Rusty. Much of family life centered around sports and camping, with summers spent camping throughout New England, and sports being played, watched, or coached year round. John never passed up an opportunity to shoot hoops, toss the football,

throw a Frisbee, or hit some fly balls to the neighborhood kids. John was a volunteer coach for his children's youth basketball and baseball teams for many years, and continued to do so for his grandchildren. For his work in youth sports, John was awarded the "Fabyan Drake Good Citizen Award" by the town of Eliot. John continued to participate in the things he loved with his children and grandchildren throughout his life.

John was skilled at woodworking, carpentry, plumbing, and just about anything mechanical. In 1991, after buying a book on how to build a house, John and Betty built their own multi-level 4,200 square foot home in South Berwick from the ground up, excluding the foundation. In 1998, they did it again by building another home closer to their grandchildren. This house was also built entirely by

hand except for the foundation.

John Tyler will be fondly remembered as an honest, hardworking family man that was a true gentleman, and always ready to lend a helping hand.

John leaves behind his devoted wife and friend of 55 years, Betty Tyler, his daughter, Raeleen (Tyler) Lamson and Douglas Lamson of Fulshear, Texas; his son, Randy and Marta Tyler of Portsmouth, N.H., and his son Rusty and Maureen Tyler of Camarillo, Calif. John also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Mandy, Tyler, Colby, Javelynn, Dezarae, Dexter, Baylee and DJ.

A Celebration of John Tyler's life will be held on Jan. 26, 2013 starting at 4 p.m. at The Links at Outlook Golf Course in South Berwick, Maine.

In lieu of flowers family requests donations to South Berwick Rescue, P.O. Box 157, South Berwick, ME. 03908.

Weddings



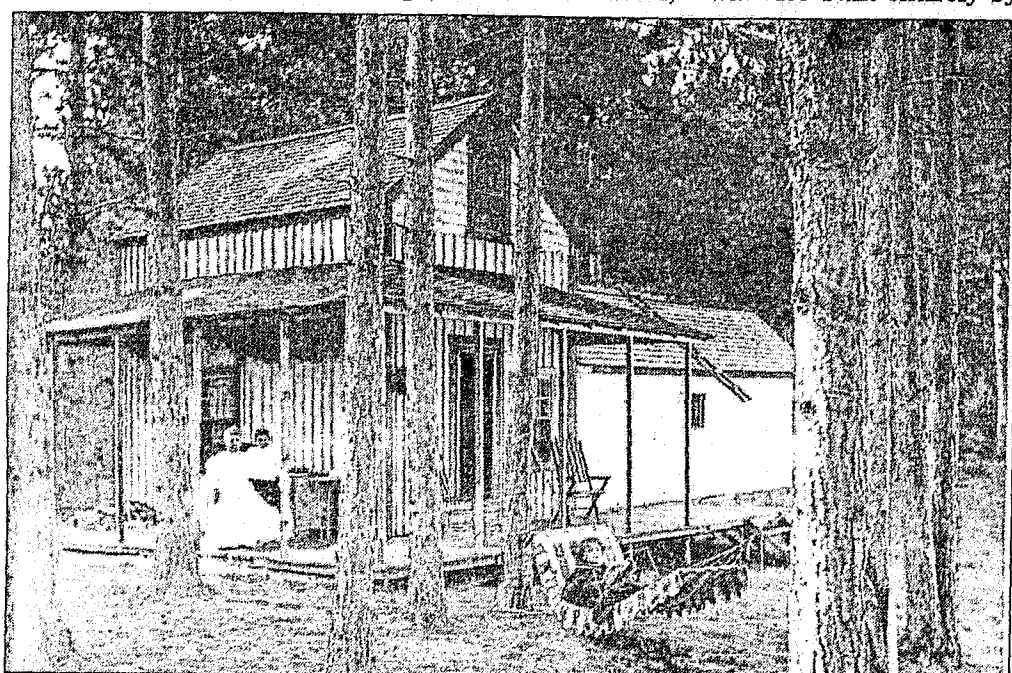
MR. AND MRS. JASON COOLIDGE

Jason Coolidge, son of John and Eva Coolidge, and Rebekah Howe, daughter of Diane Howe of Bethel, were united in marriage on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge were married in East Bethel with the mountains in all their fall foliage splendor as their backdrop to start their new life together.

The bride wore a floor-length Ivory gown with a flowing train and carried a bouquet of sunflowers grown by the groom. The bride's best friend, Carrie Zetts, served as maid of honor and wore a fern green floor-length gown. The groom and his best man, Axel Annis of Bethel, wore black tuxes with camouflage vests and ties. The son of the couple, Kimball Coolidge, served as the ring bearer while the daughter of the couple, Quinn Coolidge, served as the flower girl.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her grandfather, Peter Seames Sr. of Greenwood. Loving family members and friends witnessed the beautiful ceremony and joined in the celebration of the reception after many years of waiting.

The bride works for the Department of Human Services in South Paris while the groom works for Hancock Lumber in Bethel. The couple is planning a honeymoon for next year. They reside in Bethel.



Woodsum's Camp at Round Pond in Greenwood, 1906. People pictured are Mrs. Rand, Ralph Rand and Elsie Rand. (Photo by Nettie Maxin, courtesy Greenwood Historical Society)

IRVING BROWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial services for Irving W. Brown will be held on Monday, Jan. 28, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Greenleaf Chapel, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.

WEDDING AND ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of wedding and engagement announcements and photographs. Submissions can be e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com; dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office); or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, please e-mail us or call 824-2444.



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